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Rochester, N. Y. July 25 1864.

Dear Willie

I like Rochester very much indeed.

When I go to the lake I go out on a peir which goes out about a quarter of a mile.

The country around there is quite wild and the fishing in the lake seems to be very good and the hunting I guess is good because I saw two on three men with guns returning from the lake.

My brother and took a walk up the canal Saturday and crossed the rail road bridge which was about 20 feet high and the canal is 80 feet wide, if the cars had happened come along I fity us, we would have been busted pretty quick I think.

Tell me how your wren's box is getting along and your swallows.

Jim and I went to the Locomotive factory and saw the men making them, and we saw the stationary engine which make the lathes go it was very handsome and bright.

Our boxes have not come I will be very glad when it comes so that I can get my gun and go shooting I dont have much to do now.

Tell me if you go shooting now any I suppose you do.

I may come there some about Christmas I guess.

Good bye

Your friend

C. W. Carter.

Carter C. W.

Aug 25-64

Rochester Aug 17 1864

Dear Willie

I recieved your letter this morning and thought I would answer it now.

I am glad you had a good time at the White Mountains.

I do not have much to do here as I do not know but one boy and I do not know him much.

All I do now is to go down town and look about I shall go shooting pretty soon.

I wish you had shot the beaver and mink.

Please tell me where Dan and Dick are. Lake Ontario is only six or seven miles from here and the steam cars run from here to Charlotte a place on

the lake at least within a quarter of a mile of it I expect in the fall to fish there a good deal as it is very hot here now.

The vacation is nearly over I suppose, I have got to begin school on the 5th of September.

Jim is going to Worcester on the 21st of September.

I hope you are all well.

Good bye
Your affe friend
Charles M Carter

Report of M.
Aug. 19, 64.

Rochester April 28, 1865.

Dear Willie

I have not heard from you for a long time.

I wrote to you some time ago but the letter got lost before it was sent.

I thank you very much for the knife you sent

me, and have enjoyed it much.

I hope I shall go shoo=
=ting with you in the summer.

I went shooting Thursday and shot a crow=black-bird which was a large and handsome one, and we saw a wild goose and we wounded a strike.

We walked 12 miles,
we have to go a good
ways before we can
find any thing to show
Good bye
Your aff friend

Charles M. Carter.

George W. M.
Apr. 25, 65

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Rochester, N. Y. December 31st 1865.

Dear Willie

I received your letter last night and the book to-day, both of which I am very much obliged to you for.

There has not been much skating here yet; but yesterday there was some on the canal which was rather poor. Has there been any at Cambridge yet?

I have not been shooting but twice since I came home and shot nothing of any consequence.

I suppose you heard that I shot Hum, accidentally, with my pistol but not so as to hurt him much. Hum has been sick too, with the Lung fever for a few days, and we had the doctor for him and gave him homeopathic medicine.

Carter C. M.
Dec. 31 — 65.

Rochester Oct 20th 1867

Dear Willie,

I got your letter on last Tuesday. I arrived at Rochester on Friday September 27th and had a pleasant journey. Rochester looks the same as ever. I went shooting up the river once and my dog set a high roller and saw a woodchuck & large hawk. I went again down the river and did not see anything but a few woodcock. I went in a boat down the river with my brother Jim, and saw some kingfisher, but I did not have my gun. I by the way said that he had been in Pennsylvania on a farm, on the West Branch of the Susquehanna and he had shot a great many partridges, and ducks on the river, and had seen a good many woodcocks but could not hit them. He shot all the wild pigeons that he wanted. He said that he would set traps every week forward and that he might be at home. He saw one when he was there, and he saw a

deer on the river, but he did not have his gun, but the men on the boat had pistols and they fired at it. He went shooting near here at a place called Cold Water and he shot three wild pigeons and a boy who was with him shot one. I have seen a great many in the market and feels but not lately. I am not doing anything at present, but I am looking out for some kind of business. Jim has gone back to Annapolis. Jim liked his course very much. We have got a house on South St. Paul Street and is one of three houses in a block, and there is about 1/2 an acre of land. The river and canal are right in view on the other side of the street and the canal boats are continually passing. We have a fine view from our house. The next neighbor has got a large Newfoundland dog and some hens and about fifteen rabbits. The boys play ball in our yard. The canal crosses the river in an aqueduct navy of hoist to our house. There are aqueducts many from miles along the river, but opposite our house there is a clear space

and we can look way up the river.
It has just commenced to rain, which is the first we have had for some time. I expect to go shooting pretty soon.

Good bye
Your aff. friend
Chas. M. Carter.

P.S. Monday ~~Sept~~ Oct 21st 1867.
I went shooting in the a.m. in the cars to Cold Water and did not see any pigeons, but saw a large flock of meadow larks and shot two, one on the wing.

C. M. Carter.

Mr.
Charles G.
Oct. 20 - 67.

Rochester Nov 21st. 1867—

Dear Willie.

I was very glad to get a letter from you Wednesday. I have been shooting but six times since I got back, and have only shot two meadowlarks and a small bird. There are a great many birds in the market. I have seen partridges, quails, woodcock, snipe and wood ducks. A gentleman went shooting and shot a lot of ducks and gave a pair to my mother. One was nearly black on the breast with a little brown mixed in, and his wings were very dark and had about two square inches of greenish purple on them. The legs and feet were greenish red. The other had a breast almost exactly like the red necked grebe which we shot at Plymouth and wings nearly like the other. There are a great many in the market like these. If you can tell by the description what the name is, I wish you would please send it. The river here is very low, and

we have not had any rain for a great while. Our cistern was dry and we had to get a man with a watering cart and fill it for $2.00. I draw a good deal now and I think I shall go into an engravers office. The country here is very flat and not good for game.

Your aff. friend
Chas. M. Carter.

P.S. Saturday Nov 23rd.
I started with a boy who lives next to us at about 8 a.m. and took the cars for Charlotte which is at the mouth of the river on Lake Ontario and got here about 8:30 and went west up the shore of the lake and saw a great many ducks and some loons but did not get any good shots. We came to a large pond nearly frozen up and near the outlet of it which runs into the lake, was a flock of what I think were buffel-headed ducks, of about twenty, but we did not get a shot at them. We waited on a bar where the ducks were usually flying over to the pond and here we got a good many shots at ducks and I killed one on the wing and I think it is a buffel headed duck. I have sent a poor picture and a description and

if you can tell what it is I wish you would please write to me. We saw two wild geese and lots of gulls. When we got back to Charlotte a little hawk, I think it is a sparrow hawk sit on a tree and I walked towards him and he flew and I fired and killed him.

We got home about 4 P.M.

Your aff. friend
Chas. M. Carter.

P.S. Sunday A.M. about 8 o'clock Mathews whom I stayed with when I got here, fell from the cars as they were starting at Philadelphia for home, and was hurt so badly that he died at 5 in the P.M.

C. M. C.

Carter R. A.
Nov. 21 - 67.

Description. Inch brownish black. Front pure white. Upper part pearl brown. Bill about 2 inches long. Leg about 1½ in. long. Feet nearly brown with a little white at the back part. Wings small, the brownish black with a few pretty white feathers. Neck nearly black. Upper part of breast grayish. About 16 in. long. Egg brown. The egg is white in the picture.

G. M. B.

Aiken Dec 26th 1867.

Dear Will

I received a letter from you to day, and was glad to learn that you had had so much success in shooting lately. All I have shot since Sept 20th is a wooded morgeson, a partridge, two mudsucker & a small bird: I will tell you exactly so I shall shot morgeson and as near as I can, how many shots I fired at them. I was standing on a stand between the lake & a large pond & there was another big standing near me. There were small bushes & high grass all around

so. He saw the duck coming and it passed over the little boy's head and he tried & missed; he passed over me & my gun missed fire because the cap (which was too small for the nipple) was not on far enough and I aimed again, very quickly, and my gun went off & the bird flew round in a semicircle and fell into the pond. I aimed as near as I can tell directly at his head & I think pretty sure, as there were about six shot holes in his body. I shot the sparrow hawk on the wing and aimed, I think, at his head and killed him instantly. I fired about six or seven shots at ducks that day. I have not been shooting any since.

I see a great many partridges, quails, ducks, wild geese, bear, rabbits &c. in market. One duck I noticed in particular; it was not larger than a common pigeon and a good deal the color of the hooded merganser, but the bill was a real duck's bill, not like the merganser's. I think all the ducks which I saw at the lake were hooded mergansers because they all looked rather small and had white on their wings, & from their wings I thought when I first saw them that they were black ducks. I hope your setter will prove a good one.

I have seen a good many-

pointers are in Rochester and some handsome sitters, and a great many Newfoundland dogs. I hope you have had a "Merry Christmas", I have. I do not do anything now but practice drawing. I may go into my father's office just for the work. Have you had much snow? We have had a good deal and fine sleighing but we have just had a thaw and the snow is all gone. It has been a nice day to day, almost like Spring. The river is very low now and mostly frozen up.

Yours truly

Lilian M. Cooke.

Charles E. Hill
Nov 26. 67

I have your received "The Hunter & Trapper" & oblig
C. M. C

Rochester, Jan 3d 1868 Sunday

Dear Willie

I received your welcome and handsome present, yesterday and I am exceedingly obliged. I have lost the knife you gave me last year.

I got a new pair of skates New Year, and have skated on them some at the skating Rink and I enjoy it very much. They are Walton skates and very good as far as I have used them. I have just written to John. Since yesterday morning it has been quite mild here and the snow has melted some and the skating is not good. Monday evening I am going to hear Clara Louisa Kellogg sing at Corinthian Hall. The "Democrat" has got in running order again and is printed at their own office, it having been printed by the "Daily Express" since the fire. I have read all but one of Cooper's "Leather stocking Tales" having just finished "The Pioneers" and I think they are all very good.

Write soon to

Your aff friend Chas. M. Carter.

Mr. William Brewster
Brattle St
Cambridge
Mass

Curtis C. M.
June 3 - 06 -

Rochester Jan 12, 1868.

Dear Will,

I thank you very much for the knife which you sent me and find it very useful, as my old knife is about used up. There has not been much going on here since I last wrote. I draw a good deal every day and paint some in water colors & in the Spring I think I shall commence to paint in oil colors. My tool chest arrived here last Tuesday and since then I have made three picture frames, two of imitation of

rosewood and one of black walnut. I brew a picture called "Good Friends" of two horses' heads and two pigeons in a group and framed it with black walnut & gave it to Mrs Mathews the lady that I stayed with when I first got here this fall. We are having good sleighing here now and there is a good deal of racing on East Avenue a very fashionable place here. Your Year's day I went calling and made about fourteen calls in all. It

snowed quite hard that day. The river looks very dreary as it is all frozen up except a little channel near one side. I have not been shooting since the latter part of November, but I have seen great numbers of rabbits and the game in the market. A short time ago a gentleman here sent us two venison steaks which came directly from Tupper's Lake in the Adirondack Mts and it was excellent. I went to see the Californian scrubs the other night.

Yours Truly

C. M. Carter.

Carter C. M.
Jan 12, 68

Carter G. H.
March 8 - 68

Dear Hillie

I received a letter from you a few days ago, and I am [illegible] written to you before now. I received that [illegible] had quite forgotten to answer it, as nothing very remarkable has [illegible] have hardly touched [illegible]

except outfits and I

My brother James came from

on a

for 20 days on account of sickness and needing a change. He says that in the fall he can sit in his window and see

Chesapeake Bay

that we could shut
them from the window.

[illegible]

o'clock in the morning
a large building was
found [illegible]

[illegible]

we found it was a coffee
and [illegible] mill.

[illegible]

cold and with the two
together I got both my
[illegible] on but they
are all well now, only
a little tender.

I hope you will be
successful in finding
your friends. The river
is rising rapidly and
we are expecting a flood
and there have been many
people in the city who
have nothing for
dinner. I dine all day
now and in the evening
for want of the time.

[illegible] fishing should
have royal revel of the
water has turned to water.
[illegible]
[illegible] the body [illegible]
[illegible] upon all us.

[illegible]

Chas. M. Carter.

Rochester April 27th 1868.

Dear Willie.

I hope you received my last letter, but as I have had no letter from you for some time I suppose you have not; I wrote a month or two ago and have not heard from you since, please write again, for probably your letter was lost if you wrote.

Saturday morning I went down to the lake in the cars and went along the same as I did last Fall, but the ducks are all shot or gone North and I saw none there, so I came back to Charlotte, the port of the Genesee River, and walked up the bank of the river and saw 5 ducks between there and Rochester and did not get a shot at one of them. I stopped at a brook to get a drink and was standing up wiping my mouth, with my gun leaning against a log near the brook, when a pheasant flew up and went up the steep bank of

the river and was out of sight before I could touch my gun, I hunted for it for quite a while but could not find it again as the woods were very large. At the lake I shot three kingfishers all on the wing. There are wild pigeons in the market and we had some and I eat my kingfishers with them. The pigeons come from Pennsylvania. Small ducks called "Butter Balls" sell in the market at 25 cts apiece. The Raymond boys went fishing Saturday and caught about 10 lbs of suckers and mullets and dropped them over a steep bank about 100 feet high and lost them all. I met a man at the lake who had been camping out for two weeks there and shooting ducks and Friday he shot 33 and sold most of them in this city.

We have engaged a house on Spring Street near where we used to live and are going to move in this week; think I shall like it better there than here as we will have more room, having the whole house while here we do not have

but about half.

Some time ago, one of the prettiest churches in this city was burnt nearly down, and they are going to rebuild it again, and have already commenced. About 2 weeks ago I commenced painting in oil colors and painted a horse head and finished it to-day. I have drawn a good deal in the meantime. I have been drawing this evening on a picture I am going to put in a frame I have been making. In about a month I shall go sketching from nature. My brother has gone back to Annapolis, having been home on a sick leave for about 5 weeks. I receive letters from John every week. Tell me what you about and how your dogs behave.

Yours truly
Chas. M. Carter.

Goode, G. M.
Aug. 17 65

Rochester May 3rd 1868. Sunday

Dear Willie

I received your letter a week ago and I hope you received mine which I wrote a week ago. I dare say if I had a good hunting dog that I could find a good deal of game. I have seen some without one, and as in the morning good dogs are hard to find now. I don't suppose there will be much shooting here till next fall, as the weeds all grow and they are the only thing I can shoot for without a dog. You seem to have killed a good many squirrels, as they are used to dogs to scent. Mr Rathbun got a dog yesterday. I hope you will succeed in training your young dog. We have our sweet potatoes St. Paul's Sheet & we are doing about pretty near as well as we used to live on this sheet; we find this power very comfortable indeed, and we have got a good workshop over the kitchen.

I have not painted any this week as most of my time has been occupied in moving. Yesterday I was at the Railroad Depot to Fulton Street Dining car called the "Delmonico" and was the finest car I ever saw; they are going to introduce them into most of the leading railroads. I got a letter from my brother Jim and he says that he thinks they will have "A Summer Cruise on the Coast of New England" this summer instead of going abroad.

Your aff. friend.
Chas. M. Carter.

Carter C. M.
May 3 – 48 –

Eve.

Rochester N.Y. May 31st 1868. Sunday —

Dear Willie

I received your letter a short time ago. You have splendid luck shooting, I wish I could get as good a dog as your pointer. I forget whether I told you that I had a young female Virginia setter. I have not seen it lately as another boy is keeping it for me. About two weeks ago I went down to the lake with a boy who had a good setter but not well trained and I shot a bittern in the wing and a rail but I could not get the rail as it fell in such a bad place, but the dog swam and got the bittern in his mouth without hurting it at all. I saw two rails and two bitterns in the same swamp, but as it was getting late and my shot had all

given out, I could not stop to shoot. We walked up from the lake and got home about 7 P.M. having started about 7 A.M. I shot a sandpipe and several black birds. We saw two or three geese flying far out on the lake.

The exact number of birds I have shot since I came from Cambridge is 14!! Ruth seems to have had good luck with the Wood Ducks. I went to see a man named Weighill here who is a shoe maker and a great sportsman, and belongs to the Monroe County Sportsmen's Club. He gave me a printed copy of the game law of this state. It prohibits the killing of wood ducks and summer ducks at this season; I believe there is no difference between the two. He says he will take me shooting in a week or two after wild pigeons to a place where he knows they are very plentiful; it is to early now he says. He has two or three pointers and fox hounds. The latter he hunts deer with in Canada. My rather games is nursing his exam=ination now at Annapolis and is

getting along well in it. Their course this summer will be up the Coast he is pretty sure, and entirely a visit to West Point. They will probably stop at Newport and Boston.

My father is now at Cambridge and is then going to New York and Washington. I draw most of the time now and have painted some. I shall soon sketch from nature, when the leaves are fairly out. I sketched some cows and part of the river last Saturday. Yesterday the Soldiers of this city decorated the soldiers graves in Mt Hope.

Ever Friend
Chas. M. Cutler.

P.S. Give my respects to your Father and Mother.

Carter C. M.
May 31. 68.

Rochester, June 28th, 1868.

Dear Will

I forgot when I first received a letter from you, but I suppose you are busy with examination and do not have time to write.

My father Bill is here now and is going to stay till some time in September; he is not so well as he was in the Spring and he seems inclined rather to stay down instead of going on the river.

Since the 4th I used to row on the river fishing and shooting and I don't see why we may not

a sandbank on the land of the river. We got a few fish among them a large pickerel with [illegible] and [illegible] pounds.

[illegible] I went down to the [illegible] with Mr. [illegible] [illegible] and together we caught about 40 good perch and the men down the [illegible] [illegible] of fish [illegible] the [illegible].

I have been down the river [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fishing. I have seen some ducks and I think I saw a brood of young ducks. I saw one settlin down in river; I think they breed there.

A little while ago we had a straw-berry festival for the benefit of [illegible] "[illegible]" and the attendance was very large but the profit about $ 5 00 dollars.

[illegible] weeks in Medford a few miles from here. The stream [illegible] about 10 or 12 cts a box, the best ones being about 14 cts & the poorest 8 cts. My mother [illegible]

My father has been away all day to see Mr D. D. S. Brown [illegible] "[illegible]", in Seattle. He said he had a good time.

[illegible] ran away last week, but [illegible] back; I believe, if so, [illegible] it will be a [illegible] gentleman has said that a setter needs constant training [illegible] if trained well one will stay so forever. Lately there [illegible] Dayton and they had big shooting and some of the men

from here did remarkably well.
Tomorrow there is to be a base ball
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible]
"Athletics" and Lomons and the
"Excelsior" and the best in Western
New York.

I do not think I shall be in
Cambridge this year.

If I can get a place any where
[illegible] or Boston I
shall [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] year if [illegible]
in Boston please let me know.

[illegible]

Your off friend
[illegible]

Charles G. M.
June 18-62.

Democrat Office,

Rochester, N.Y., July 13th 1865.

Dear Will

I wrote to you the same day that you did to me.
I did not do anything in particular on the 4th it was so warm and has been so ever since and some time before — the longest spell of very hot weather without rain I ever know here or in Cambridge.
I suppose you are through with your examination now, about and your vacation will commence soon. It has been too warm to shoot or fish any lately and I have not been outside of the city for a good while. The boys go swimming

in the canal in the evenings and it is very pleasant as we do not have to go very far. Tuesday the "Haymakers" of Lansingburg played a game of B. B. with the "Excelsiors" of this city and the "Haymakers" beat by a score of 31 to 26. Some time ago the "Excelsiors" beat the "Athletics" of Philadelphia and they are going to play a number of games soon. I believe the "Hawards" will play here soon, and Friday the "Unions" of Morrisiana will be here to play. The "Excelsiors" are getting very celebrated since they beat the "Athletics".

Strawberries are all gone now and cherries, raspberries, &c are coming. I should think it would be very

Democrat Office.

Rochester, N.Y., 1868.

pleasant to drive out in the country after eggs. I think around here the country is not very good for eggs - it is so level, but is pretty good for game especially quail in the fall and ducks at the lake. There is no game here now that I can shoot but I am in hopes there will be pigeons here soon — the country is very good for them in some places especially Cold Water a place about 10 miles from here where I went last fall. This morning I bought two

boxes of strawberries I guess the last of the season, very nice ones called "Primes" for 18 cts per box. Raspberries are 25 cts per box. I wish you would come out this way some time in the vacation and stay here and perhaps go to Niagara – Please try and persuade John to come.

Your aff. friend
Chas. M. Carter.

(Respects to your father & mother.)

William Brewster
Cambridge
Mass.

Remember me to Ruth & all the boys – C. M. C.

Cobalt Bay Oct 1st 1865.

Dear Will

I have received your letter. I am glad you have such good luck in shooting. I hope I will have as good luck next week, as I shall then be carrying out. All my preparations are made and tomorrow Jim and myself will start on the cars and go to the lake and get boats and row to Cobalt Bay about 6 miles from the mouth of the river. We will probably stay about 2 weeks. Yesterday we got a tent, 7 x 15 ft and will not have an oval! When we come as many of parts we Cobalt Bay along the shore of the lake, and at one of them I shot that many ducks. On the 15th of this month we expect shooting commences and then I hope we will be able to get some ducks.

I am sorry you can't come to Rochester but I suppose you will have a better time at the mountains and somehow this has no zest as the city we meet is more than Cambridge.

My father has had you to Chicago, I believe to spend a week or two.

I shall not come to Cambridge this year, I think.

I have not been shooting for a long time I think about Friday.

One of the boys going camping with me has got a well trained English setter and he is going to take him with us so he is a good mate dog.

We have had several rains lately and the air is quite fresh, but the water is hot.

I suppose you are at the mountains now. Will you get to Rye & Plymouth. Before you get you meet to Rockaway off Rocky Hill quite soon. Please all my love to each.

Your aff. friend

Chas. M. Carter.

Carter C. M.
Aug 2, 68

Rochester Aug 16th 1868.

Dear Will

Monday the 3rd four boys and myself started in the cars for Charlotte and took two boats and rowed down the lake shore toward Buffalo to Long Pond which is about 5 miles from Charlotte and is about 2 miles long by 3/4 of a mile broad. We took with us a large 7 by 12 tent with an awning which cost $2.50 a week. The beds cost $1.50 per day to rent. Another fellow by the name of Baker came down Tuesday in a buggy and staid with us the rest of the week. One morning we went to a place where we caught about 60 or 70 fish which supplied us all day and that day we had quite a number of visitors. Two more boys staid with us Thursday night and went home the next morning. So that a number of candidates met bitters

blows and the great Blue Herons
then bittern and I shot Bittern & think
got a Gray Behind shot on Gray
Behind, and Jacksnipe which look
a great deal like Wilson's Snipe and are
about the same size. They have a
shrill whistle and I found them along
the shores of the pond. I also shot
one kingfisher. The blue heron I shot
on the wing, it was impossible to
get within shot when they are
standing. One I shot in camp, I saw
her coming and I crouched a little
and gun leaning against a tree
and killed her, then I found only
one hand was loaded and the other
bird was away in an instant.
The last bird I shot in some
time was a duck. I was sitting in a boat
and one of the boys was coming in
a duck and I just saw the head
and neck of the bird and I fired
and killed it. I will describe him
to you as well as I can remember.
It was about a foot and a half
long I should think and the wings
were hardly longer than a month.
On the back it was jet black

and the beast was [illegible]. The
song which I have got ~~re~~ black
man the lady wrote sort of [illegible]
[illegible] the water. I [illegible]
I think the horse was black on
top. I should have bought it [illegible]
and had it stuffed and sent it
to you ~~and~~ only I did not have
[illegible] to get it home. I bought one
for us Charlotte but it was broken
by that time and I had to throw
it away.

Saturday we came home having
had a very pleasant time.
I suppose you are [illegible] the
Mts by this time.

Please write and tell me what
you think you [illegible].
I think I shall go into a book store
[illegible] where there is a place [illegible]
going to be [illegible] at Tomorrow.

Your affectionate friend

Charles M. Carter.

(Regards to your folks from me.)

Charles C. M.
Aug. 16. 65.

Rochester Aug 31st 1888

Dear Will,

I received your last letter a few days ago; and I am glad you are having such a good time at Rye, when you get home, which I suppose will be soon, please write and tell me what you killed there. I have not been shooting at all since I came home from camping out, as there is nothing to shoot here now unless you go to a great distance, they say lots of them there. See a good many ducks, the duck shooting season commences the 16th of this month.

I kept the wings of those blue herons which I killed, but they are not good for anything now and I threw them away.

My brother Jim has gone away to Albion for a few days. Mine has been to Geneva for the past two weeks and had a very pleasant time there; Geneva is on the beautiful Lake Seneca.

My mother and father will come to Cambridge I think. I have from Johnny Peck; but he has said nothing about the law against swimming in Belmont Pond; you will have to confine yourselves to the glacial pond, or else go in the river.

It has been very dry here for a good while and every thing looks parched, and the leaves and beginning to fall.

I am looking out for a place in some store now but I think it is very hard to find a good place.

Yesterday I went to see the Employes of the Democrat Office and the employes of the "Union" Office play a match game of base ball but as the playing was very poor and it was getting late I did not stay to see the game finished though I think the "Democrat Nine" were ahead and played the best. Our Junior "Alerts" beat the Senior "Niagaras" of Buffalo the other day and the "Niagaras" beat the "Alerts" two days after; and they are going to play the next game which I will be the last one, at Lockport on Saturday, and this will be the deciding game.

My leg is very lame now and about all the boys do is to play ball which is

to every day. I try that time on the duck, and I have only past every morning.
I suppose you will have plenty of fun this fall with the snipe in the Middle marsh, and the wood ducks are very wild.
There will be plenty of ducks here this fall and I know where to go after them and snipe too. Long Pond lies around them, where we used coming all is a good place for snipe and ducks too in the fall.
Can you come to the High School this fall. My B. Joshua passed No. 26 in his class this summer, out of more than 80 members.

Yours always
Affectionately
Charles A. Carter.

Carter C. M.
Aug. 30-68

Rochester Aug 27/70.

Dear Will

I was glad to receive a letter from you a few days ago. Nearly two weeks ago I obtained a position in Smith, Elkins, & Co's wholesale grocery store in this city and I am working there now and I like it very much indeed, more every day I work there. Nothing it is much better than a book business as it is much more variety and always plenty to do, for if there is nothing to do in the office I can go out in the store and work as much as I please.

This week we have the State Fair here and I think it will be a fine thing as the entries are larger than common, and there will be several processions in the evenings of Democrats & Republicans.

I think it will be too bad if they

take away your strength & your appetite for food and exercise and sleep, and especially this fall when I know you will want to shoot so much.

I think I will not be able to shoot at all this fall unless I go Thanksgiving day which will be quite soon.

We have been having very wet and cold weather this past week, but today it is quite warm and pleasant and I hope it will continue so this week when the train is here.

My mother will start for Cambridge Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of next week. I shall go on with her. I hope we will see you then.

Your aff. friend

Chas. M. Carter.

(Send to your father & Mother.)

Carter C. M.
Sept 27 – 68 –

Rochester Dec 24th 1868

Dear Willie

I received a letter from you some time ago and answered it again. I sent you a book called "Hunter & Trapper" which I think you will find useful. I forgot to write in it and say who it came from and so I write now right off. I suppose ~~who~~ you do not shoot much now in this cold weather. Today has been the coldest day we have had this year and is decidedly disagreeable. Tomorrow will be a holiday here in the store. I have not sent many presents this year to anybody and have not thought much about it.

Business is rather dull here now and will probably be so all winter and worse after ~~new~~ the holidays.

Some of the boys are talking of having a chicken shot some time during the

holidays but I think it is most too cold now to go out in the country shooting.

We have got a "Skating Rink" here now and the skating is very good in it now; they have champion skaters there every night now.

Have you still got your dogs. I have no kind of animals whatever now.

I have read lately several of Cooper's novels and I am now reading the "Times" and I like them very much.

A merry Christmas I am

Your affectionate friend

Charles M. Carter.

A "Merry Christmas" to your Mother & Father.

Carter C. M.
Dec. 24. 68

OFFICE OF SMITH, PERKINS & CO.,

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jany 22 1869.

Dear Willie

I received your kind letter & have meant to answer before but have not had time. Business is rather dull now and we do not have much to-day. I hear from Nelson that Joe Russell & Ruth have been anxious to go into business; I should think they could get into some good house in Boston. Miss Mary Nichols is here now and will spend a few weeks here. The last two or three days have been quite cold and have made good skating and I go quite often in the evenings at the Skating Rink. My Brother Dim is very well much better than when he left here having had only one ill turn; goes to practice three times a week and enjoys

himself very much. I went to hear Dr. William Carlos Lecture some days ago and enjoyed it very much.

I do not hear of much shooting now and there is little of it here.

I am your affectionate friend,

Chas. M. Carles.

Charles M. Carles
Jan. 22. 67.

D. D. S. BROWN.
PROPRIETOR.

OFFICE OF THE

ROCHESTER DAILY DEMOCRAT.

Rochester, N.Y. May 21 1869.

Dear Willie,

I have not heard from you for some time, and so will write. We have not had much going on here this Winter. Business has been pretty dull but we have had considerable excitement about Sugar which has risen about five cents in the past weeks.

We have had a very mild Winter here and hardly any good skating; it is snowing now a little the first time have had for some time. I am now reading Lionel Lincoln by Cooper and like it very well as far as I have gone. Please write soon and tell me about your shooting if you do any now and oblige

Your off friend

Chas. M. Carter

P.S.

There is an article in the Atlantic Monthly for May about shooting sedge Birds around Fresh Pond which you had better read.

C. M. C

Williams College

Carter E. H.
Feb. 21
1869

D. D. S. BROWN.
PROPRIETOR.

OFFICE OF THE
ROCHESTER DAILY DEMOCRAT.

Rochester, N.Y. Feby 28th 1869.

Dear Willie

I was pleased to receive a letter from you the other day. I am very sorry to hear that your eyes are troubling you — I hope you will not lose much in your studies or that you will have to be kept back in consequence. I suppose shooting is very dull at Cambridge now, but it will soon be good again when the snow is well away. It does not appear as though the snow was ever going to leave us as it is very cold and dreary here at present. Velocipedes have reached here but are not used much; there are only three or four in the city now that I know of: they have a large room where a few practice; they are not used in the streets at all, but I suppose they will be in the summer time; this city is just the place for them as the sidewalks are all very even and

the streets are up even with them, unlike Boston, where the streets are nearly a foot lower than the sidewalks and it would be almost impossible to ride over them. Business has been pretty dull here of late except when sugars advanced so suddenly. I suppose Ruth Deane is extremely busy just now on account of Sugars. John seems to be getting along very well. I wrote to you last Sunday and I suppose you have got the letter by this time. We last two days have been extremely cold, and in consequence the skating has been made very good; but I can't skate now on account of a lame ankle which was caused by walking so much on the 19th of the month when Sugars advanced. I have not fired my gun since last Summer and I don't suppose I could hit the side of a barn door now.

Please give my respects to your father & Mother,

Your aff. friend

Chas. W. Carter

Geo. W. Ladd
Mr. Geo. W. Ladd

Pocono Springs Pa

Dear Willie

I have not written to you for some time. Some miss me that you have moved to Nutritown while your old house is being renovated. The weather here is very mild and balmy today and has been so for several days.

They say that there are quantities of pigeons around the country here now. I long to go shooting but have not

and probably shall
not have time to go
at all this Spring—
Trade has begun to
spring up in the
last week and I
have had to work pretty
hard. I have been
promoted since I wrote
you last and now
hold the position of
Entry Clerk and have
a great deal of writing
and figuring to do—
I have to work nights
and early in the
morning to get my
work all done with.
Our Cashier left and
our Entry Clerk took
his place and I
took the Entry Clerk's
place and we got

a new boy, named "Joe Powell," to take my place.

My Father and Mother are both at Charleston South Carolina and will stay in that region for a month or more — may go down as far as Florida.

John writes that he is going to get a boat to have on Fresh Pond, and I think it will be a good thing if he has time to use it.

Do you have much duck shooting now — I do not think there is much around here as yet. If he succeeds

in any case now
and this is the first
good weather we have
had this Spring—

Write soon to your
aff. friend

Chas. M. Carter

Wm. G. Wilmot
Hartford
Ct

Rochester May 9th
1869

Dear Will

I recd your very welcome letter this week — dated at Waltham May 2nd I should think you would like living there very much — you are so much nearer Waltham and those good shooting grounds — Where do you do most of your shooting now —?
I have not had a chance to go shooting this year and shant have any till I have a vacation of about

two weeks this summer. I hope to come out to Cambridge this summer if possible —

I am getting on very well at the store and have been promoted to the position of Entry Clerk which I like very much, only that I have to stay in doors so much.

Trade has been pretty good and will be better this coming week probably on account of the opening of the canal — when all the canal Grocers will get in their summer stock.

Velocipedes are used here quite a good deal

and they are having
races here continually
at the Rink — I think
they would be very good
around here on the
plank roads —
My brother James is
probably going to Europe
this summer on a Cruise
and will go about the
1st of June and stay
till September.
With my best regards to
your Father & Mother
I remain
Your aff. friend
Chas. M. Carter

Carter C. M.

May 9 64

Rochester —
Wednesday May 26
1869

Dear Will

I received a letter from John in which he says your father is improving very much — I am rejoiced to hear it —

I suppose you are very busy now at school and will soon be in college — I think

I shall come to
Cambridge this
summer if I can.
I should be glad
to see you out this
way sometime —
We are very busy now
at the store —
Please write, when
you get a chance
to

Your off friend

Chas M Carter

Quarter C. M.

May. 26

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Cambridge Aug 1st 1869

Dear Will

I rec'd your letter last evening. I am sorry I was just too late to see you before you left. I arrived here Tuesday and you had gone the day before, Monday - I have not done much since I came except that I have gone into that store in Boston, which Mr White got me into. I think I shall like the store business very much as I always liked

carpentering and such work and I think stoves will come low for me. John contemplates a vacation a week from next but I shall not be able to have one this year having just entered the store I should not like to ask for one so soon. I may be able to get away a day or so this Fall and go shooting. John has not decided when he shall go. I have seen Ruth Dean and the Russells and went swimming with the latter Friday and had a row on Trout Pond. John

went rowing yester
day PM with the
Russells. I am not
able to get away
Saturday afternoons but
I have some time in
the evenings to go around.
I have just now
come home from a
walk with John and
we went up to Belmont
Station and I visited
our old scenes of
shooting, with pleasure.
John and I are think-
ing of getting a boat
to have on Fresh
Pond — Last evening
John and I cleaned
up his old double bld
gun and the carbine
and I think the
gun must be quite

a good one. What
gun do you use now?
It is just about a
year since I last fired
a gun — I don't suppose
I could hit a barn
door now. Johns
cousins the Farlys
have all gone away
and there is nobody
around here now —.
Please give me your
<u>correct</u> address in
your next. I have
not seen Dan French
yet — Respects to your
Father & Mother

Remain
Your aff friend
Chas M Carter

Mr 1-69.

Cambridge 13th Aug 1871.

Friend Will,

I take this opportunity (Sunday morning before breakfast) of addressing a few lines to your most honorable self! Shooting, I suppose takes up all your time so that you are unable to scribble in return, however I hope the shooting will abate for a few moments & give you a rest.

I dare say you have already heard of R.D.'s departure to Canada with G.D. Esq. I envy him his good fortune. John is now scrubbing his tusks voraciously

with the stump of a toothbrush also shaving his heavy beard, having arrived yesterday P.M. from White Mts. with glowing accounts ($10. per day!) of the "White Hills" "Tip Top" House &c.
Seriously, how is the shooting at Rye this year? John tells me that last Sunday morning there was a big flight of birds.
The Russell boys are still loafing around here. I expect it will be pretty lonesome when they go to Maine.
Our book-keeper has been away nearly two weeks, & consequently I have been driven to death; 160 Furnaces sold on our order book & not delivered.
Doing a smashing business!

There is very little to say in regard to Cambridge matters. The Kirk girls I suppose you have seen ere this, I believe they are at Rye.
Number five departs Tuesday for the "Pool", so that Delia F. and Alice are all that are left. The older Farley girls have been down at the Clifford House Plymouth for a week. They went down with Mr & Mrs John Barrett. It is cold here this morning. I dare say you are having a tantalizing flight of birds, with this East wind. Last Sunday I went down to Marblehead & went out sailing in a schooner yacht. Had a splendid sail. I haven't seen a gun hardly

for a month. Just about a month ago that you & Swent out. I saw your Father a few days ago in town.

If Dan is with you now please give him my kindest regards, also your Father & Mother.

Write soon, Will

and believe me your friend

C. M. Carter

Carter C. M.
Aug 13, 71

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Cambridge, 24th August 1871.

Dear Will,

To begin with, this is a day to be remembered — the heat is intolerable. I am afraid this letter will be dull enough I feel so "played" — I recd your letter 8 days ago & actually this is the first opportunity I have had of answering it. I would have written to you last Sunday but as I was away all day I was unable to. Sunday was spent in loafing around on Pettick (or Paddocks) Island down near Hull. Joe R. Charly Stone myself went down Saturday night & "celebrated" a bunk in Fulces Tent and a dinner out of Monty

James who happened to be down there in his "sloop yacht Delia". Got sick of it Sunday P.M. and returned on board of a crowded steamer. I feel pretty stiff as I had ridden 14 or 15 miles on horse back Saturday morning. Pike has a first rate saddle horse which I got & rode up around through Waverly, Belmont Arlington &c. I rode 3 hours steady without getting down but twice from the saddle, & then only for a minute to cut a switch. I heard quails at 3 different places. It seemed as though the country was alive with them. I heard 2 whistling at once, I could not see one however but could have started them

very easily as I got very near. I heard one at Belmont, or near probably Waverly when we started the very last Thanksgiving & 2 more near Brooms house, right where I fired into a bevy once about 5 years ago & killed one, a young one. Another, I heard one in the field on the left hand of the road (Prospect St, I believe) which goes over the hill near Brooms and comes out down in Arlington near Hills.

I have been trying lately to get a shot at some night herons flying over the Res. I went up tonight for a few minutes without my gun

and 2 came flying over quite near but I was not in a good place to shoot from If I had been on the Northern end with my gun I think I could have killed one. I am going to try them again; see if I can wake up Mrs. Saunders.
I saw Ned Read tonight; he has just returned from the Pool, where the Two (Sue & Carrie) Misses Hayes are. I hear you had quite a dance with Miss "M. K."
John thinks "Ella" has improved over so much since she went down to Rye Beach.
Monty James has got "Bob Hixon" down the Harbor

with him & Bob runs the Craft & Monty steers & eats & smokes in the stern.
It must have been fun writing letters & shooting "yellow-legs" at the same time. I heard from R.D. several days ago; he was then at Beachville Ontario & on his way to Toronto, Montreal &c with Geo. Dexter. I wish now that I was up in Labrador or some frozen regions. This is an awful scrawl — I have tried 3 pens & all are about alike.
Dan, I hear has returned. I suppose you wont think of coming home till 1st Sep. The city men are trying to

cut down our sidewalks
and lay bricks I believe
at which Mr. Nichols is greatly
enraged & with good reason,
I think. It would spoil
half the fine trees on the
street. I have got a petition
which Mr. Choate & Mr Nichols
have signed & am going into
your Fathers office tomorrow
to get him to send the petition
with his signature, if possible,
& if not there am going to
send it down to your Father
to be signed & returned before
Saturday. These are Mr S.
orders. I hope I shall have
the good luck to see your Pater,
I am glad you are having
such short. It beats all
before, dont it?
Talking of short, You know

Aleck the car driver? of course, Well, his brother, Smallwood, & 2 Nesbitts went out on the 15th, after woodcock up in Newton somewhere, and got one Crow, one Green heron, & 1 Woodcock, all in one days shoot.

Try and write again before you return, but your "things to say" will keep & grow more numerous until your return — It is growing dull here, nearly every one is away. Hoping you have lighted on a good flock of Teal &c &c I remain

Your affectionate friend

O. M. Carter

Mr. Robert Coombe to Mr.
Aug 24 - 71

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Cambridge, Sunday 4th June
1872.

Friend Will,

I have a few spare moments today & take the opportunity to write you in regard to the great "Trap-shoot". I saw your Father last evening, who says he got a letter from you Thursday morning the same time that I rec'd one from Ruth. I had occasion to see yr Father on important business as I went down to yr house to borrow ½ a bushel of corn to feed 200 Wild pigeons! which I have got safely stored under the White barn — Jim M — has worked this thing thoroughly & has

managed to purchase 200 genuine Wild birds at 50¢a deld last Friday evening — so that I shall have the fun of keeping them for a week. However, I don't mean to back out of my share of the work, We have made a final decision on a place to shoot which is the Hale muster field at Concord Junction. Jim has obtained leif to shoot there & we decided it was very much better than to take it at Cambridge & not so very far out of the way. I haven't seen the rabbits since the purchase & dont know what they will think. We said we cant get a single tame bird in Cambridge, I have been all around to Whigs, Fresh Pond House

and the Sand Banks & can't get a bird; I was offered about 20. At 32/- a each!
I have had the Wild birds since Friday night & haven't lost a bird to my knowledge. I saw Molly Lamy today & he shoots sure, so do Raymond & Pierce & perhaps the Kinder's. Jim has got a man from Dedham also who will shoot. I have seen Joe R but only for a moment & I intend seeing him again today & find out to a certainty whether he will shoot. I am bound to get enough fellows I have no backing out if I can help it.
I do hope you fellows won't be so much interested

in collecting that you won't be able to come on in time, however I think the wild birds (which are beautiful & in splendid condition) will be an inducement to be on hand, also your & Ruth's love of "sport." I saw Earl today in your yard & he seemed well, also a number of "female" friends of yrs & Ruth's, who also "seemed well" though I don't know how they fell in this hot weather; it's a regular "dog day" with the wind S.E.

I am sorry (for Ruth) that "Vera" is not on hand. We have had some soaking rains in the last few days. Please give my regards to Ruth, & believe me yr affectionate friend

C. H. Carter

Carter C. M.
June 9 – '72

10 P.M.

Cambridge, 31st July 1872.

Dear Will:

I write with some feelings of regret to tell you of our having disbanded our "yacht crew" & given up the idea of a sail to Mt. Desert. I know you will laugh at them for having so many plans & "kicking the bucket" on them all, but you know our circumstances do vary that you may overlook our strange behaviour. M. James, our friend is unable to join us & as no one else, of our circle, is idiotic enough, we came to the conclusion that we would not hardly have Yo. yesterday afternoon. My father says he is very much about not being well & the idea seems, as he has seen no several

excursions of the kind always.
I am exceedingly obliged to you
for doing so much for us, I
hope you did not go to any
trouble about it.
I will write again before 1st
August and tell you of our
final plan, where we are going
to. I believe you intend
taking things rather easy this
summer, so old boy don't neglect
your friends in letter writing.
My letters must necessarily be
short and of but little account
as you know as much as I do
about what is going on here
as Cambridge. Don't vary a hair
breadth from the usual summer
course. Great excitement prevails
at the Regatta at Springfield.
Sunny has got 5th, upset it & he has
not half as much. Remember me
to Fay & believe me yr aff friend

C. M. Carter

Mother wishes to be remembered to Dick & you

Believe me, dear Jack, Yours affectionately

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Charles C. A.
July 23 - '42

Case for Marshall
Interrupted by
Lyd Brown

Office of Geo. W. Walker & Co.

48 & 50 UNION STREET,

GEO. W. WALKER.
HORACE E. WALKER.

Boston, 30th July. 1872.

Dear Will:

Arrived safely in Cambridge last eve. & delivered yr. letter with Rankin. We have come to the conclusion that we had better not try to go together as our tastes are so different. He will go down to Mt Desert, but I shall prepare at once to go to "Rye", if I can get a room in Marden's I will leave here Friday P.M. next at 2.40 as Prentiss is coming back Thursday next. Be kind enough to engage me a room in yr. house, like the one I had very well. I wish you would write me & let me know at once as to whether everything is all right & give me some idea of what you want to take with you, & if there is anything else beside the tube springs which you would like me to bring down.

Sincerely Yrs

C. M. Carter

Barb. Co., Mi.
Aug 30 — '92

Did you receive the sheet? did Mrs H get her medicine

Office of

George W. Walker & Co.

48 & 50 UNION STREET,

GEO. W. WALKER.
HORACE E. WALKER.

Boston, 2nd Aug. 1872.

Dear Will:

Arrived home safe Friday afternoon in a pouring rain. Rec'd quite a long letter from Rush yesterday; he expects to remain aft 1 week longer, & suppose Miss C— is still there & she detains him. Wouldn't want to make a bet on how many "Teal" you have killed since left! The last two days have been quite cool but before that it was intolerable. Met Purdy in the street today; he says he expects to go down to the "Pool" in September. How are all our mutual friends at Marden's? It is fearfully dull in Cambridge. Nobody there in the female line, but the "Albino", yrs in haste

C. M. Carter

Carter C. M.
August-21-72

Milidary Asylum
Milwaukee, Wis., 7th May 1873

Dear Nill: Arrived here all O.K. Friday night last in a pouring rain. This Asylum is located about four miles due West of the City: it is a very pleasant spot & must be lovely in summer. I have seen on the grounds near the house a pair of Turtle doves I am quite sure they were, but they might have been Wild Pigeons. I have also seen a great many of a curious Woodpecker, which I never saw before. It makes a curious call peculiarly wild. It is black and white and

and a red head; a little smaller than the yellow wings.

The grounds here are quite extensive, embracing 150 acres of land, the "Home" which is an immense building, now containing 300 inmates. Several houses for the Governor, Treasurer, Surg. & the Hospital. One poor devil has died since I came; he was kicked in the stomach by a vicious cart horse & died in about 24 hours.

The house in which we live is very pleasant, built of brick of a yellow color; all the houses here are yellow.

The journey out here was quite pleasant & comfortable. We was able to get a nice drawing-room, sleeping, & hotel car, all the way from Rochester to Chicago. We passed the Falls of Niagara about noon & had quite a good view of them. Going through Canada was quite interesting. By being in a drawing room car we was able to get out at every station where we stopped leaving my sister in the car in perfect safety. [illegible]

[illegible] my eldest
first Rochester friends,
shall leave here
Monday next for
Chicago, then to visit
friends, Cincinnati, Washington,
Baltimore, Philadelphia,
New York, then home.
I do not see much
in the West that would
induce me to live here.
I have had a very quiet
time since my arrival
Gen H. has a fair of very
nice home, the elegant
carriage just built to his
order, he drives around
a good deal. It has rained
for the last two days so that we
have not been out much. We are
quite well. Remember me to
the folks. Yours C. M. Carter

Boston, 18th June 1850.

Dear Nell. I have been trying to get a chance to write you ever since you left. I suppose you are enjoying the cool of the Maine woods. I hope you did not find the journey severe on your trip, I should have thought the ride from Bethel would have played the deuce with you. Rich. & I made a little journey into Maine yesterday. I suppose you rec'd the postal card informing you of our approach, but we thought we had better return: only got as far as Portland, Saco, Portsmouth &c. I suppose you are at this time expecting to see our good looking faces every day. Weather cool. Russell's party tonight. Remember me to Mr. Purdie. Nice write more at length from Cambridge. Your aff friend, C. M. Carter

Carter C. M.
June 18 73.

Cambridge, 22d June 1875

Dear Will. Nothing from you as yet; suppose however you can't be expected to do much writing under such adverse circumstances as you are obliged to write. I saw your Father last evening who said he thought you would be coming home by Thursday next, also, of which I am very glad to hear, that you are much improved by the change. I suppose you have handed in a goodly mess of Trout ere this; I hope you have been quite successful in your rides this year, as you must have got behind hand this spring when you were laid up so completely.

Things look rather blue for

your humble servant just a
week night before last at Joe
Charley Trenkins' wife died of
Consumption the is gone up for
the present as far as work is
concerned & Mr G. Walker's
wife is quite sick with the
same difficulty. You will be
sorry to learn also that Miss
Lizzie Farley is very low, one
of her lungs being seriously
affected; she has as you know
not been well this Spring at
all & it has finally culminated
in this lung difficulty.
Both I & as you know went
down to Lake Poc for the 17th
"got pretty well "fixed out"; the
day we arrived, was of course
Wednesday & I can assure you
did not feel in the mood
to attend a large party at the
Rowell, but I did & enjoyed
myself very much; they kept
it up in shape & everybody had
a good time. Nothing new
like with his two "sick-lists"

Cousins & made a perfect ass of himself, wanting every fellow in the house he was introduced to them. He tried it on me about 6 times at last I had to give it up & she introduced to one of the boys.

I am getting on quite well with the Cornet & enjoying it more as I get along.

The drought here is simply awful, your father says he is calling standing hay instead of grass.

Class-day went off successfully, though all day & our part was in the evening; I went down to hear the Germania Band play. Never heard them play so well before; they had four cornet players & I tell you they did splendidly.

I imagine Mr Purdie has all he can do to keep you both supplied with "warblers"; you ought to import some "warblers" "Blanche" for instance, suppose the warbler.) Am trying to have Dan

woodcock shooting; I think in less than a month I shall go for them; my dog is growing too fat altogether: he is about over his lameness.

I should be pleased to hear from you while at the lake but knowing your disadvantage I shall not be offended if you dont write, because I am aware how careful you have to be of your Eyesight.

Ruth was sick Saturday eve & lost it all.

Give my best regards to Brother Pardee & believe me Ever your affectionate friend

Geo. M. Carter

When is your this afternoon or evening he would desire to be remembered to you

G.

Geo. M. Carter
Pump 743

Cambridge 3d Aug. 1873.

Dear Will:

I have been vainly endeavoring to get a few minutes to let you know I had not entirely forgotten your existence. I was very sorry indeed when I heard of your unfortunate illness, & also somewhat alarmed knowing how remote you were from a physician & I am really thankful you have gotten over it so well, you seem to be destined to these awful attacks just at the wrong moment. I have not seen your Father since his return although I have been trying to get a chance to speak to him & learn of you from him direct.

I can but a few minutes to write & must be short.

Last evening I went up to Concord to see Charlie Richardson about going camping on Concord River. We met Dan Prince at the Depot, who

invited me to spend the night with him which accordingly agreed to do; after supper, (we being quite alone) we went down to the town & found C.R. I immediately found out the most necessary thing required by us next Tuesday 10 A.M. to Concord & start on our journey up the River: He is a fine young fellow I should think, although I don't know him intimately I think we can have a good time, as he seems to be enthusiastic over gunning & has done a good deal of camping out in his life.

I came down on the 5.30 P.M. train from Concord & have only got tomorrow to get ready to go in; I was sam all out of ammunition. I shall have my hands full tomorrow.

It is extremely hot here, 95° in the shade at Concord today, & I long to

get out of the "infernal city."
Ruth is full of preparations for her camping excursion to Maine.
Write a few words while.
I only hope to hear of your complete recovery shortly and write more clearly on my return from Concord in a week or 10 days.
Yours off hand
C. W. Coates.

Carter C.M.
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Dear Will: Have not heard from you, or anything about you for so long I thought I would write & see what you are up to. I rather expect this beastly weather we are having will have a tendency to send you homeward, I hope it will as we begin to miss you in Cambridge.

I sold last Saturday from my expedition on the Concord River with Richardson. We had a jolly time; good weather every single day & some little sport. I found Richardson a good companion & a perfect gentleman. He has done a great deal of Camping out, having "roughed it" for over a year in the Mountains & valleys of California, herding cattle &c.

I took "Captain" along with me; he

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behaved quite decently, much better than I expected: pointing 3 out of 5 Woodcock which I bagged, not running in on a single bird. I have broken him completely of that: he seemed as though he had never been hunted on Woodcock before: I nearly lost him one night, abt 3 o'clock Richardson & I went up River after ducks & did not want the dog along, so left him at camp in charge of a fellow who was encamped near us, when I got back quite late after dark I found the da-nd fool had let him loose thinking he would follow him down to the river to go fishing, when the dog made a bee line in the direction.

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had gone, & never showed up again until about 4 o'clock next time when he came walking into our tent, wet from head to foot, evidently been running over the meadows all night as he was tired out. You bet I felt blue the night before when I went to sleep without him. as I thought he was such a timid dog he never would come back again. I staid two days with Rich at Concord on my return & we got 30 woodcock. Luck, bad since & we only got two. one a green wing teal, & a black duck. We caught a few trout which went down well after being broiled over the camp-fire.

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I have seen very little of RD since my return as I have been quite busy & I imagine he has also: all the young ladies have left Cambridge & there is not a single place to call upon which I am not particularly sorry. My Father & Mother are in here & I expect to remain for a week or so. I have not seen your father for some time & hardly know whether he has got back yet from the sea shore. Write again before you leave if you have time: I hope your life is improving rapidly—

Your aff friend

C. M. Carter.

You will see, I made off brother's leaves a little mixed by your coming up & looking over my shoulder.

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Nos. 48 & 50 Union St., Boston 2nd Sept. 1875.

Dear Nell: Rec'd a postal card from you several days ago. Glad you are improving so in health — You must be having a delightful time up there. Dan French has I suppose arrived by this time as you said he was to start Friday. I wrote you once I believe since my return from the Concord River, but told you very little I suppose: there is however very little to say in writing about the trip especially as you have been there yourself so many times. I was glad to get well acquainted with the River & feel very much so as we scoured the country along its shores from the Town of Concord

or rather from Ballis Hill 5 miles or so below the town, to Wayland bridge where you remember we crossed over one day last spring before last snipe shooting.
Jim Melvin goes into Camp this week at Munster in Framingham & think of going up to spend the Night with him one night this week.
Your father seems well since his return from Kennebunkport He came in to my office to enquire where you bought your gun wads &c, said you wanted 8 wads for a 10 gun which I told him I thought was about right. Rach Drane & a lot of the Cambridge fellows were down at the Ocean Bluff house, had a jolly time according to Rachs accounts.
Wish you would hurry up

you cakes" and come home. It is awfully dull in Cambridge, not even Carrie Hayes is in town. I then I go wandering around town in the evening trying to find some one to converse with but dont succeed very well. The Russell boys are home however & we see them occasionally.

Old "Dart" (your father says) when they came home went wandering over the place looking for you; he could not understand why they should come home without you. I see him frequently & he looks well. My dog is covered with fleas & I have just made up my mind to relieve him by a good washing tonight with Nickerson Soap, which they say is good. How does

"Shot" get on? I suppose he is quite an old hand on Woodcock by this time, though you do not mention of shooting any.
Business is not very driving just at present.
My Father & Mother are here now on a short visit; they have been up in the white Mts.
It has been extremely warm here for the last two days, but we had a splendid thunder shower yesterday P.M. which cooled things off nicely.
I long to be off shooting again I begin to feel uneasy & want to hunt the old "Captain" again. I am sorry your ship does not improve more I dont understand why it should not. Please remember me to Dan. Believe me ever Your off friend

C. M. Carter.

Capt. Chas. M. Carter

Boston. 6th May 1874.

Dear Will – I heard through your father that Ruth had been allowed another week's vacation and so take this opportunity of scribbling a few lines – thinking possibly you might get them before leaving – I got a letter from Ruth a few days ago and expected you to return by today & so did not answer it. You must be doing a heap of work according to R's acc^ts – I am sorry you have had so much rain; but I guess you have been no worse off than we have – we have not had a decent day since you left hardly until today then the wind is out North East but has been clear all day – The driving is splendid today but

getting rather dusty—
We miss you and Ruth very
much — really, I hardly
know when to go to have an
evening without going to see
some "Fem" Cute, Hayes, seems
to be my only resource, I
can't get up courage to face
them, although I did Sunday
morning, rid up then on horseback
and get some flowers out of
her — she was very pleasant
I said she missed you & Ruth
over so much! —
Then awfully busy just
now taking stock & changing
our firm — have all I can
do. "Debrahka" is on the rise
I hope to make a good thing
out of it — I have not been out
after the ship at all — have
given them up for the season.
I hope you and Ruth have good

back – and return soon in safety – My Father & mother sailed yesterday at 11 am for Europe on the "Marathon" – John is well – as are all the rest of the boys as far as I know – I should have written to Ruth too only I have no time – You are coming & must close –

Your ever friend.

C. McCauley

Are there Harper's Ferry girls? –

Easter C. M.
May 6-1874

WALKER, PRATT & CO.
31 & 35 UNION STREET.

Boston, August 10th 1874.

Dear Will – I have rec'd two postal cards from you – I am afraid I have got to back out of going to Umbagog & probably will not be able to go any where else unless I can perhaps get a few days & go down to the "Shoals" which is the most probable – I saw your Father Friday last & he bought in a rubber coat for you & I got a rifle strap at Reads & forwarded them to Th. a rather I sent them over to Mr Estabrook who was to send them – I was not able to go & get the strap myself but sent about & hope it is the right kind. As I was driving out Friday evening through Brighton I met Barston & Burns Bigelow driving – I never was more surprised than to see Barston down here; I did not know he intended coming to B. again – he says he is going to the Lake tomorrow. I am awfully sorry I can't go too but it seems impossible for me to get away just now & it may soon be an utter impossibility to leave for even a day. I am glad you are having a good time as your letter to R. R. would imply that you were – I wish you would

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write me as often as you can, as it gives one some pleasure to hear from such a place even if you are not going there yourself. I don't see any chance for me to do any shooting now till "Thanksgiving" then it won't amount to much I probably. I suppose you have heard how Choate cleaned me out with his trotter; my mare did not trot at all that day: it was a sort of a running race on her part. She had just been shod the day before by Bolger & her shoes clicked at every step which I think prevented her from going to her speed without running. As it was we made the mile in 3½ minutes, not very bad for a 5 year old. All the fellows are around now, but seem to find it rather dull here though I don't see much difference in Cambridge myself as it is all the same the year around for me —

Your father looks remarkably well; he must be enjoying himself very highly at the "Oceanic". I will endeavor to write soon — what shall I do about the oatmeal?

Your obt friend C. M. Carter

Carter C. K.
Aug. 10 - '14

WALKER, PRATT & CO.
31 & 35 UNION STREET.

Boston, Aug. 13 1874.

Dear Will –

Yr letter came to hand this morning glad to hear from you – I am sorry there is no better sport; I should think you would go fa the deer (not dears!) if they are so plentiful –
Your father was in here just now – I told him about yr rubber coat & he says you had better sell the old one for 2.50 which it cost & keep the new one, as it is 6 inches longer & of better quality – the new one cost $4.00 it is a 5.00 dollar coat but yr father got it for 4.00 owing to a defect of no consequence.
All the boys around here are going down to the "Shoals" Saturday P.M. to spend Sunday yr father got them reduced rates at the Hotel & Price – Write often to your aff friend

C. McCarter

Custer B. M.
Aug. 13-14

WALKER, PRATT & CO.
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Boston, August 20th 1871.

Dear Will: I rec'd your Portland card a day or two ago — I fulfilled your request at the oatmeal, but to the teamster it over to Mr. E. who informed me that he had sent you 10 the day before — I returned to the Grocery Store! Drinks on that when you get back — As to the Cheroots, I would have forwarded them to-day but I had not money enough with me when I was over near Adams but will be over that way tomorrow & have them sent to friend "B." — I should not think he could stomach them he generally smokes such choice brands — They are, however very good for Summer smoking.

Everything is lovely here — rather warm & sultry today. The boys had a great time down at the "Shoals" last Sunday. Your father was in here several days ago — he looks very healthy — also became in yesterday & said he was going to remain over Sunday. How long before you will be home?

Your aff friend

C. McCarter

My regards to the "boys."

Curtis C. M.
Aug 20 '74

Boston. Aug 22/74.

Friend Will:

I received yours of the 18th this morning and was glad to hear from you I must apologise for not having written to you but I have not had one leisure moment since you left but now expect to have a little spare time on my hands. Everything has been very quiet this Summer and I can't imagine where the Summer has gone to, it has gone so quickly. I have not done any collecting & every body seems to be in the same position from what every body writes to me. I think you got a good bargain on the Hooded Mergansers - should like some myself at the same price. I envy you the shooting you are having and you should pity us poor mortals that are working ourselves to death in this dog day weather, several days having been very close.

Poor Mr Purdie is trying hard to decide where to go. He wants to go to Rye and still he wants to go to Nantucket. Why there, we can't imagine, but Ruth says slyly - "Camp Meeting" & then winks: I suppose you hear all about the Beecher Tilton affair and that is all the papers have in them now and instead of clearing the trouble they seem to be mixing things

up so that it will never be cleared up.

I suppose you have seen Maynards "Who will win" Circular, which is his last notion of people's prodigality — He expects to be in Newton the last of Sept so we can run the "Bulletin" OK next winter. I suppose you have heard of Scobs return — He looks the same as usual and is now for a good time as he says he slaved himself enough in Missouri.

Hoping to have you back again before long I remain Your true friend

Harry.

Give best regards to enquiring friends.

Custer C. M.
Aug 22 1874

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31 & 35 UNION STREET.

Boston, September 9th 1874.

Dear Will; Yours rec'd yesterday containing cash $5 Dollars which amt as per your request I have invested in the "little fellows" as you term them to the amount of $50 - I took them into your dads office & he was there & wouldn't be satisfied without an explanation of that mysterious bundle; to cut with the truth - he wanted to burn them at first but when I informed him they were for the "Twins" he quieted down - Glad to hear Shot improves so fast; he will be a grand dog this Autumn at home - R.D. told me the other day he had just mailed you a 16 Page letter so you cant find fault with him for neglect. I am sure I cant imagine what he finds to say to such an extraordinary extent. I suppose you have heard of the sad death of Prof Jeffries Wyman on Saturday last very suddenly of bleeding lungs. Hope to see you here soon again - Give my regards to Barton Stone - hope the Cheroots will arrive safely - enclosed find my card.

Your att friend C. M. Carter

Carter C. M.
Sept 9-1814

Walker, Fiske & Co.

31 & 35 Union St.

Boston Feb. 24th 1875.

Dear Will, I suppose you are comfortably settled by this time and enjoying good health, at least I hope you are — Mr & Mrs Lamb went down to Nantucket last Saturday and I dare say you have met them by this time —

Edie says you were going to send him your address but I told him to write quickly to Nantucket & you would call for your letters at the office — which I believe you intended doing — I suppose they dont have any mail carrier down there!

Had the pleasure of seeing our mutual friend R. Drake yesterday; he called into my office — He had a very pleasant time & considerable hard work, climbing Mount Katahdin; they lay three days in the rain with the guides hanging onto the tent pins, to keep the tent from blowing away —

Castle Street

He will write you I guess —
Yesterday P.M. I wrote a letter to Richard
F. Barrett Concord saying that I would
enter Pet Lucedia in the sports Driving Day
when I got home last night she was
taken with a violent colic & I thought
at first I was going to lose her; but
I called Kennedy's man, and he happened
happened to have just arrived from
Readville and between us three we
got her out of it in about 4 hours —
We first gave her a strong dose of
Medford Rum and then I put on all the
blankets I had, with her hood, and
a bridle over that & jumped on her back
and started her for a run of two or
three miles, and I sent her lively, pitch
dark and going at the rate of about
a mile in 1.20 which had the effect
of warming her up and starting her
bowels into circulation — I then brought
her home and walked her about a
half an hour up and down the avenue
Then took her into her stall and she
dropped right down & commenced
rolling — after kicking about for 20 minutes
she lay quiet with her head up as though

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She felt better; then in about an hour she got up and commenced eating her hay ravenously. I watched with her till about 10.30 and then went to bed feeling some anxiety that she might have another attack, but this morning she appears all right and hungry as a bear. I left her at home in charge of Kennedy's man & think she will be all right. I shan't send her to Concord however, as I don't think it would be safe. I think I got out of it pretty well, not to have a dollar to pay. Not 5 dollars.

Please give my regards to Stone & Bailey. Hope you will all have a jolly time. Write when you have anything to tell. (Hoping to see you soon)

C. H. Carter

Walker, Pratt & Co.

31 & 35 Union Street,

Boston, Jan. 21st 1876.

Dear Will,

I have an engagement tonight and tomorrow night too & as I wanted to get word to you without delay I thought I would write out what I am going to say & drop this note to you. I want to know if you would find it leave write at once to Godwin at the Lakehouse & find out what you can about the state of things in that region and what it is likely to be in the next three or four months. How deep the snow is &c; what you can shoot or catch & what fun you can have generally; then what he would charge two fellows per week to board them for say two or three months. Frazar and I have some idea of going up there if we can get boarded cheap enough; you might suggest that we both would be glad to lend him a hand in most any kind of

work, and also would kill enough game to live on if there was any around.

It will take so long to get any answers from there. Don't you would write right off & request him to give an answer immediately especially as to price he would charge.

I ask you to do this because I know you are so well acquainted with him and could get probably better terms than we could.

Your friend

C. W. Carter

P.S.

This very likely will amount to nothing at all, but I thought I would like to look the thing up & if it looked favorable, I should go ahead.

Keep mum.

C. W. C.

Carter C. M.
Jan. 21 - 16

J. G. TAYLOR,
Ass't Treasurer.

Burlington and Missouri River
Railroad in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., August 8th 1876.

Dear Will, You will see by the heading of this that I have at last reached my destination, & am hard at work again, with the duties of Cashier for Mr. Taylor, whose name you will observe is in the heading. I think I shall like the place first rate; it is a very good place indeed, and one where there is some chance of rising.

I had a very comfortable and pleasant journey out here; the weather was perfect and of course I enjoyed the changes in the scenery. It was really quite exciting as we neared the "Father of Waters"; You can hardly imagine the scenery in the Bottoms on the East side of the River - passing through an undulating

and wooded country, full of small ponds of stagnant water. we pulled up just as we reached the river edge and I observed in one of these mud holes, at least six large snakes, which I presume were some kind of Water snake. The pond was not more than 15 ft in diameter. They say that the rattle snake is not at all numerous around here, only a very few having been killed. As we neared Council Bluffs which you know is located directly opposite this place on the other side of the Missouri, I observed a great many ducks, but could not of course distinguish what kind they were. A few minutes after a large bevy of Quail got up right near the track and flitted over the bushes dropped. I saw two Prairie Chicken in Illinois near the track. There is a fellow in our Office here who is very fond of shooting, and is going off this P.M. about 50 miles on

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our road after Chickens; I have lent him my gun; he is going down to Plattsmouth, & there joins George Holdrege, then going out about 30 Mile, or so to a place called Waverly (familiar name) There they get a team & commence work. Holdrege killed 36 the other day. In about 10 days this fellow and I are going down to Plattsmouth & H. is going to join us for a days shoot. Quail are thicker than grasshoppers, and valued about as high. Wild pigeons are very plentiful; I saw hundreds on my way here.

Omaha is a very queer place; it is difficult to describe it as you

probably have had plenty of description of just such places in the West. I think you could get all the shooting you wanted out here even with a lame leg. By spending abmt $. a day — I board well for $1.00 a day and I think you could hire a man & horse for $2.00 or perhaps $. to take you around the country. You can get plenty of birds by going out 10 or 15 miles from this City — Almost every one here shoots & I may say the same of riding — You cant look down a street hardly without observing a man on a mustang, a Broncho as they call them. I wish I had a dog out here. I could keep one just as well as not. I must close now, & hope you will write often to your old friend

Regards to your Father

C. W. Carter.

Address Care B. & M. R.R. in Neb. Omaha Neb.

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Railroad in Nebraska.

Gen'l Freight Office,
Omaha Neb., Sept. 5th 1876

Dear Will, I have been waiting to answer your letter (which came duly to hand) until I had been out after chickens, which I am happy to say I have done. Last Saturday night our Car Accountant (Mr O'Grady) and myself started for Plattsmouth 21 miles So. of here on our road, which place we reached about 8 P.M. We went upon invitation to Mr Holdrege's & found him. Retired early as we were to start about 2 A.M. Had a few hours rest when we were awakened by the alarm clock; found it to be about 2 o'clock; dressed and we three started for the stable where the team was to be in readiness; had to wait only a few minutes for a good team of greys to be harnessed; Mr Holdrege then

2) drove us around to the boarding house of one of the Conductors named Agnew who was going with us to drive - Mr H. has a fine setter called "Tom" and Agnew took along a big Irish setter called "Dash" who proved to be a perfect do-nothing fool He was lame to begin but even with his lameness he would mushin and flush all the odd birds there were in the vicinity, wouldnt retrieve at all and in fact in my opinion was a cur of the worst description; he was one of those immense heavy dogs with large head and very small stupid looking eyes; you have seen dozens of them. Holdheger's dog was a medium sized red & white and an intelligent dog, although he would not retrieve & I believe they dont go much on that kind of business out here. Well, to continue the hunt we got fairly on the road about 2.30 A.M. pitch dark as the moon was overcast with heavy thunder clouds, and in not more than half an hour after starting we were overtaken by a heavy thunder shower, one of the kind they are famous for out here. Lightning so tremendous that a fellow feels like

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retiring into some cellar; we came to an old schoolhouse, but could not get in without breaking in so tied the horses to the weeds in the yard & left them to their fate; going a few hundred yards we came to a farm house; they have no barns out here so we found a small place in over a corn crib where we crawled in & waited for abt ½ an hour; the storm abated & we returned to our horses which we found all correct; starting on again we proceeded till about 5 AM when we were caught again in a fearful storm & had to lie by at a farm house which happened to be near at hand: proceeding again we drove about an hour more; it was by that time day light & we had

We gone about 16 or 18 miles from Plattsmouth. We were driving along near a good looking stubble when I perceived (being, I suppose rather more alert, being new at it) a covey of 6 Chickens right near the road - we hove to and Holdsworth, OG & myself jumped out and slipped in our cartridges. The ~~dog~~ birds had got up on our stopping & we marked them down abt 30 or 40 yds off - The dogs were sent ahead & soon stiffened as the scent reached them - all three stood in line, when up went the covey; I fired both barrels & my first bird down a bird & G.W.H. also killed one "OG" missing both barrels - They flew about 200 yards when we got into them again - I got two nice shots at single birds & bagged them both G.W.H. also got another - The other bird got into a corn field & we let him stay there as it is almost useless to look for a single bird in a 200 or 300 acre cornfield — twice as high as my head - We went on and before long found some more, when Agnew took OG's gun and got two.

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Out of this covey I got one more. G.W.H. got two more – The sun got awfully hot & as it was of no use to hunt after 10 or 11 we stopped & had lunch – You, of course know of the way in which we hunted as you have heard it told dozens of times. We would drive along over the prairies and keep the dogs out & when they showed signs of game out we would go after the dogs. When we had used them up, back to the wagon & drive on; the driver would keep near us all the time so that we did very little walking – Sometimes we would shoot from the wagon: Agnes made a good shot from the wagon and killed a big plover from

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my seat: the plover are thick as grasshoppers, great big fellows that I never saw before; Golden Plover, Grass Plover &c. Every ploughed field would be alive with them. Mottle doves were very common & I saw a few Quail, but we did not go in the right places for them; they keep near the wooded places, where there are creeks. There are lots of them here & I expect to have some fun on them.

The chickens are good sport but, I don't consider them a hard bird to kill by any means. I only missed two birds all day that I ought to have got & one of them was an awful hard cross shot, but quite neat.

I can testify to their being good on the table though; much better than any I ever saw in the East. Their meat is nearly white and as tender as a quail. far better than the Partridge —

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One feels the want of good water terribly on the Prairies; all you can get is what you find at some farm house now & then & that is not much better than dish water; dirty & tasteless bad. I satisfied my thirst out of a water melon patch where a farmer told us to help ourselves as the grasshoppers were eating up all his melons; we "helped ourselves" liberally so much so that your uncle was doubled up about three hours after with a belly ache – I however, primed myself with brandy & got well over it. These prairies are a thing that one who is not used to them never ceases to wonder at; their extent is something fearful: you look for miles & miles over these unbroken prairies & never see a tree; where we were they

were more or less undulating, but quite monotonous - Holdsworth says the birds were scarce & wild in comparison to what they are earlier. For a three coveys we did not get a shot into as they rose wild & put into the big cornfields & we could not drive them out. One covey however we marked down in a cornfield and Spencer & I went in & drove them out & G W H marked them down - we bagged three of them very easily. I believe that is a paying dodge to send one man in with out a gun & let the rest get up as high as possible so as to get a good view & then you can mark them down nicely - Once get them marked down in a stubble or prairie & you can be sure of almost every shot telling on them. You are never bothered by trees or bushes - There are lots of rattle snakes here but we did not happen on any -

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There is not much danger from them if you wear high boots or leggings. I wore my old Russia boots & found them very good in the wet grass. They use horses out here pretty hard. The fair we had travelled from 2 A.M. till 3 P.M. & only had ½ an hour rest and about 6 ears of corn each – travelling all the time over the prairie in wet ground half the time & the roads (when there were any) very muddy – we drove them between 40 & 50 miles with a heavy double seated wagon & four men in it. They chged us $4.00! Pretty cheap considering the circumstances. That team would have cost $10. in Mass. I doubt if you could have found a team to stand it in a Camb. livery stable.

Well, I guess I have said enough about the Hunt. I learn from R.L. that your leg continues to trouble you of which I am very sorry to hear. My own is I think better & I use it about as though it was well. It will be rough I declare if you are laid up this Autumn. I am glad to hear Dan French has come home and is so satisfactory after his long absence; one always expects to see their friends very much altered after living abroad so long - but Dan is not the kind to be made a fool of by success. I had a call the other day from an old friend in the shape of the "Judge" of Colorado fame - I asked him if he was going to call on his friend G— new in Phila but he did not seem to think it worth while to go down so far out of his way - I hope he will be more successful in Cal. this time than before - "the 3d time never fails"

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There is not much news to mention. I continue to scribe away at the rate of ten hours a day for this Co; I like the place first rate and think there is some chance of getting ahead — there is to be an Opera here tomorrow evening to which I propose to go as every one in town seems to be of the same opinion. Please give my best regards to your father I hope he is in his usual good health. Your horse & mare must make a spanking team; I would like a ride behind them. Write often to your old friend

C M Carter

Carter C. M.
Sept. 5 1876

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Omaha, Neb., Sept. 17th 1876.

Dear Will, I have only a few minutes to spare but thought I would drop you a few lines. I have not been out shooting since I last wrote; have been exploring the country in this vicinity on horseback Sundays, would have one today if it had not rained.

Why could you not come out here and make me a visit? I should be delighted to have you. You could occupy my room which is large and comfortable, with me. I don't think the cost of that would be more than 4 or 5 cts. per mo. You could get your meals for $5. per week at the same rate, good fare too. The fare (limited ticket for 5 days) from Boston to Omaha is about $30. now, usually it is $42. You could hire a horse & buggy to use every day for a week, or longer all you would

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by going out 5 or 10 miles in almost any direction. Ducks are beginning to come and you don't need to go but a mile or so to get good shooting on them. You would have no trouble at all in bringing out a day I think. As far as that goes I don't think a day of any much use here. Game is so plenty. By having a horse & buggy you would not need to walk much, hardly at all. This P.M. I was sitting down on the hill near where I room and I heard the familiar twitter of a quail, upon looking up I espied a bevy of about 25 flying right into my back yard. I jacked over & put them up & they flew right down in among the corner and disappeared, scattering

Wm. E. Gilmore
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in all directions among the bushes around the houses; every morning there are about a dozen blue jays making a thundering noise around my windows. They come right down into the middle of the town. They say a quail are thicker than prairie chickens this autumn; they can't hold a fire with of 100 which you see in New England; when the law is off I am going one morning right near the house after the quail; there are lots of them all through the country that is here — right near the city.

I think you would like it out here first rate for a time; I can introduce you to sportsmen here who will be only too glad to go with you —

I am told that in the winter there

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lots of Wild Turkeys - north from
Omaha here, to the Southward, on the line
of our road; if you will look at the
map you will see that our road runs
direct South to Plattsmouth, then West
a little S.W. to Lincoln, then first a bend
due West to Kearney where it joins the
U.P. & saves much time & much
Cash; got a letter from R. D. today full
of interesting news &c; seems quite smitten
with a fair cousin who is visiting with
friends near Cotton-hat turned up
in Canada wonder if he has all through
here on his way East.
Write & let me know all the news
in your line &c

Truly & friend
E. M. Lewis

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Omaha, Neb. October 4th 1876

Dear Will, Yours from Lincoln came to hand a few days ago and am very glad indeed to see that your leg is improving; what a bothy a fellow leg is; I would give a good deal if my knee was all right, but it does not seem to get well very fast: it does not trouble me much although I can feel that it is tender; a slight blow or an extra hard strain will make it pain me, but use it just as though it were well as I can't do otherwise and attend to my business. I am getting along well in Rail Road work and like it first rate: I think I have now struck the right place for me, which I never have had before. They appreciate a fellow more here if he does well than they do in Boston. I would rather be where I am on half the salary than at the old place in Boston.

I never heard that I remember of that dog of Whitaker's; he must be good looking if he is better than Barstow's as I always thought him one of the best looking dogs going. I hope he will prove better than Don't as I have no doubt he will in your hands.

I wish I had my old dog out here: I would give him lots of sport right near home: Quail are very abundant this Autumn near the City: I believe

I mentioned having seen a bevy of 20 or 25 right near the house: Last Sunday PM I was sitting at one of my windows reading & hearing the familiar note of the Quail as it seemed right in my Ear I looked out in the garden and there were two of the little fellows running about - they flew up on the fence and then darted across the road. I am going for them soon - I had forgotten all about there being such a bird as a Snipe when I heard some fellows talking of having shot a lot down near the river the other day. Last night being cold I thought that perhaps there might be a flight coming along so made preparations to make an early start the AM. I arose about 5 AM and went down to the Marsh on the edge of the river and had not advanced into them more than 100 yds before we got one then about a dozen going in all directions - I staid about half an hour but only got a couple - missed two or three and the walking was too much for my knee I could not follow up the birds, but just walked around at random - saw two or three flocks of ducks at some distance: it is too early yet for them: but in about 3 or 4 weeks we will have all we want of duck shooting. These are said to be very abundant later in the season - I hope to bag a few of them I dont have time to go often, but hope before the Stations is over to have had a try at all the different kinds of shooting that is

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he got here about: Next Sunday I am going out for an all day job on Quail. I don't expect to get many as I am not sure of a dog - but one can get lots of them without a dog. Probably will run across a few Chickens too. In a week or two I am going out with Holdrege and two others and then I expect to make my biggest bag on Quail: he and another fellow bagged 20 in an hour or two last Sunday: I shouldn't be surprised if we could get something near a hundred if we have a good day and fair luck. I tell you it pleases me to get where game is so plentiful: you are dead sure of getting something, if you can't find Quail you can shoot Turtle Doves, or Plover which are common and not much shot at. There are an awful lot of gunners here; most everyone shoots. Wish I were going to be on the Cape with you. Please give my best regards to Capt Baxter when you go. Also remember me to C.M. & Capt Rattuck - I think you have settled on a very sensible plan in going to Concord there is no more delightful place in America to spend an Autumn. somewhat different from these deserts and prairies - Hope you have "fun." Me well - Have nothing of Barstow what has happened?

Yours as ever
C.M. Carter

Carter C. M.
Oct. 4 - 1876

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Omaha, Neb., Novem 1st 1876

Dear Will. Was very glad to get your letter of Oct. 25th which came to hand a few days ago - from Concord where I presume you will be very likely to remain for some time yet, if the attraction is still there which is so strong with most of us - Look out for yourself old boy as I am told by a little bird that a certain young siren is lodging under the same roof with you - however to speak seriously I don't blame anyone for liking to remain in Concord all their days - It must be really delightful leading the free and pleasant life you describe so well to me -

What a wonder Offitharpin dog has turned out: one never knows where to expect a good dog, or where to

prevent getting a bad one –
I am sure I am very glad
you have had such luck
as luck it certainly looks like.
As to his looks I am satisfied
when you tell me that he
resembles Rustowi – I do
hope you will keep him as
long and get as much pleasure
from him as you have from
old Dust; where by the way
is the old dog – you overlook
him altogether in your letter in
over the setter. I am very
much surprised to hear of
"Smugglers" behavior. Can
it not be that he has not
entirely recovered from his
distemper, and that his nose
is affected in that way – He
must be good I should think
and it will probably come in
time. – When I last saw him
he did not look as though he
would ever have the strength to
point a bird – There are lots of
good looking dogs out here and
I hope some time to be so situated

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that I can own one and have some time house him — I am glad to hear of Capt Baxter and the old dog — he will always find plenty of birds I guess & keep as near them as is convenient — I don't think I have written you since my last excursion up the river; Sunday before last I started off alone with my gun and walked about 4 or 5 miles up the river bottoms; saw lots of ducks and geese, but they all flew high and did not get even a shot at one — I met a fellow who had just shot a Woodcock, which answers a question which I was glad to know, that the bird did exist in this locality; I did not hunt much for game but happened to get a couple of shots & flushed too — saw a covey of about 25

chickens but they flew across the River and I did not get a shot. I worked in all about 8 or 10 miles and was pretty tired but my knee did not feel it much and I think today it is really better for it. Last Sunday I got a splendid saddle horse and took a long ride of about 20 miles - went way up the river bottom for 8 or 10 miles and then over the prairie home - The horse was a large grey animal and had lots of life; carried me easily all the time on a nice easy canter. I had him from 2 PM till nearly 5 and all they charge is 1.50 I write so many letters that I cant remember whether I have written you since I went out on the Pay Car - I am going again next week about the 8th or 9th - I shall go this time as Paymaster and do the paying myself - I am getting on first rate and like the place as

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well as ever — much obliged for your kind wishes — shall endeavor to deserve them. I can assure you — Today is the first snow storm of the season and there is about an inch of snow on the ground and the streets are simply horible — Please remember me to Jim Melvin and Dan and any of the Concord boys whom I know — Charley Hoar was in the very office I am now not in my position but in the Gen'l F. & T. Office — You perhaps remember that four or five years ago he worked out here — Offices were at Plattsmouth then however — Have been to no parties lately; soon off on them — Am getting sleepy and must retire — So good by for the present

Affectionately
C. M. Cotter

Carter C. Ib.
Nov. 1 - 1872

Please show this to H. D.

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Omaha, Neb., Nov 16th 1876

Dear Will; I have a few minutes to spare before going to bed so think you might like to hear of my "loss" hunt of the season. Last Saturday evening I went down to Plattsmouth taking my gun and about 50 shells loaded with No 9 shot; arrived there at about 7.30 found Mr Holdrege waiting for me at the depot: went and spent the evening at his room. In fact the night; arose at about 6.30 a.m. had a good breakfast & hurried onward with lunch, we went to the livery stable & got a good team of horses & buggy & the horses being well fed: started about 7.30 & drove due West from Platts to a town called Turkey Creek near the town of Concord we hitched the horses at a farmer's

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and got into the field at about 9 o'clock. We hadn't gone a hundred yards before the dogs (of which we had two (one a hunting bitch and the other a setter dog) showed signs of game; in about a minute one bird (Quail) got up & flew both barrels & missed; in about a minute more we had the covey up & into a lot of brush: we pitched into them and I managed to get one: we both missed shamefully and began to get mad; the birds got into bad ground for good shooting & we did not tarry long with their covey but pressed on up the creek. Soon we had another covey up and being pretty mad we shot well: the dogs showed signs of game and ranged out into a stubble of about 6 inches high

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both days came to a point" and we prepared for them: upwent a covey of about 15 birds & fired both barrels & got one bird; the H got one also. The covey went into a pretty bad ground but we hapened to march them down well & used them up badly by killing 10 of them in half an hour; going on up the creek we soon had another one up & used them about as badly as the other; this continued till about two o'clock when we both began to feel like lunch, so we gave up shooting & wended our way toward the farm house. Was strictly hungry and the way I went into that lunch was a caution. We hunted pretty hard

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and steadily walking a good
way & my knee held out well but
I made up my mind that I had
walked enough, so we did not
hunt any more as we had 12 miles
to drive home & it is impossible to drive
across these prairies in the dark, unless
you have a good moon; this day was
cloudy & cold — We saw a good
many geese & fired at one
flock but they were 70 or 80 yards
off & had no effect on them: the
geese fly over from the Platte
River and light in the corn
fields. Counting up our birds we
found that Will had 12 and myself
13; he killed two or three which he
did not find & my hounds eat
or chewed up; I killed also two
brought them down in the chase

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but could never find them on account of the prairie grass which if you have never seen you can't imagine; a bird can hide in it easier than a needle in a hay mow. So that you see we bagged or rather killed just 30 birds: I was surprised when I caught his dog eating on the quail, for he got a good thrashing for it. Neither of the dogs will retrieve & that was one reason why we lost the 30 & birds we did, as you know some dogs who will not retrieve will come upon a dead bird and sniff over it & leave it without paying any attention to it. We reached Platte at about 5 PM and after a good wash and cleaning up went to supper to which we did ample justice

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I came up to Omaha the next morning, but on account of the engine breaking down did not arrive till 11 o'clock. On the way up I had a little practice shooting game, pigeons, out one of the windows, causing the passengers to stare. Near Bellevue on the line of our road about 10 miles off we there are a number of wild turkeys in the woods and I am going down some Sunday before long to see if I can bag one or two. I have never yet seen one.

Those you are having good shooting in Cass County. I think your leg is on the embrace,

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Everything continues about the same here with me; I go out once a month over the line of the road & pay off the men which is quite a nice trip. How are all the boys in Camp? I have not heard a word from there for some time RD even has failed to write for a fortnight or more. I suppose election news excites you somewhat in these troublous times; what is to become of this country? When the next President is elected you can answer. Hope your father is well. Please remember me to him. Hear from W.T.A. quite regularly. Write soon & give me some good sporting or other news.

Yours as ever C. M. Carter

Carter C. M.

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Omaha, Neb., Sept 27th 1876

Dear Sir: Yours of 14th rec'd: very glad that you were sensible enough to go and see the Centennial of which however I am sick of hearing — It is a thing I would have given a great deal to have seen: but I had to come out here so suddenly that I could not stop there.

I do believe from what you say that you have a remarkable dog in Arthur; I could not make out the name you gave him, was it "Lance" or "Launce"? Something to that effect, excuse my hitting at your writing as I have no right to do considering the scrawly mark myself — You did well on Partridges I must say — I haven't seen one of those noble birds since

I came West, and doubt if
any are found in this part
of the country - I suppose ere
this you have read mine
describing the Quail hunt
which I must say was about
the best hunt I ever had
of any kind - I actually got
sick of seeing Quail get up -
I mined a good many, that
I might have got - Mitchelge
went out again a few days
ago to the same place and
he and another man bagged
30 or 31 birds again in about
3 hours time -
Well, at last I have seen the
boss game of America,
the Deer - Yesterday being
Sunday, Eusti and I thot
we would take a ride
horse back out in the
country. We started about
2 P.M. and rode about
12 miles south of the City
It was quite cold and

very windy - Turning towards home we ~~[illegible]~~ left a mile or so in the direction of Omaha when as we were canting along silently through the brush, I happened to hear a noise to my right, and looking in that direction I beheld a buck just getting onto his feet about 25 yards off - I immediately turned my horses head and leaped our embankment and put after him. the brush was only about 3 ft high and from my horses back I could see in all directions; I soon caught sight of the buck making long leaps like a rabbit over the brush. I followed on and up got two does and another buck of immense size with a large pair of antlers. I rode various points then leaping over the brush - like some many

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big rabbitty - their white tails of the bucks reminding you very much of the Coney - One of the bucks when about 100 or 150 yds off came to a halt and stood looking back at us and the doe rolling - I think I could almost undoubtedly have killed the first buck if I had had my shot gun loaded with buck shot. and with a rifle I could have had 3 or 4 shots at the others. The beauty of the Deer hunting around here is the ease with which you can follow a deer - a man on foot can run through thy brush as fast as these deer go - An old hunter told me today that he had often headed them off and got a good shot with his shot gun loaded with 5 or 6 drams and 12 buckshot - One man killed 22 deer there in

the very place where we saw them, Smith & Allen = that is in all the season — Thursday next being Thanksgiving day and Smith are going after them: I shall go on horseback and have engaged a good horse, that will stand fire from his back and shall go quietly and keep moving all day through the brush on the horse: I have put my open sights on the rifle and shall take that; Smith will carry my shot-gun, so you see we will have all kinds of arms. Going on horseback will be much easier and pleasanter than afoot, as you won't get tired and out of breath and I think I can do better executing with the rifle — Horse can go right through the brush with perfect

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Lake as it is all beaten
into sort of pathways by
the deer; it is a very wild
region and no houses
around - This tract is
covered for miles with this
low brush and that is
why there are no settlers
there as it of course would
not pay to cultivate it when
good clear land is so
abundant all around -
I should not be at all
surprised if we were to see
several deer on Thursday
and perhaps we may be
lucky enough to get one.
Did you there was some
tall swearing when down
the buck got up not Boyds
way and nothing to salute
him with -
I have had an invitation from
a party going to spend
Thursday after Dec 4th but
believe I can do better on
my own hook, & I have

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posted my letter on how I found them, and now know exactly where to look for them. These deer are not much hunted at present: they hardly ever hunt for them here until snow comes & for that reason I believe they are pretty plenty. As we have had no snow to amount to anything — I will write you at once after Thursday if we have good luck —
That a lot of deaths in the vicinity of Boston, Mr Lambi, Mr Denting & Mr Rogers — and marriages too — see Miss Eby is married —
Have you heard of my sister Alice's going abroad with my Father in a sailing vessel — Mr Fatten was

advised by the physicians to go to sea for a long voyage, and as Alice was going to Orient to teach some young Austrians to "talk" English, or rather "United States," she of course went with him—

R.D. has favored me with a copy of the Prospectus of the Bulletin, it seems to be strong—I will try and get some subscribers, although times are so all to much so embarrassing out here to be much for the Science of bird—Hope you are all well at home—

Write me the dear questions give you some longing for a trip out this way. I hope you will come some time—

Yours truly

C. M. Cooke

Mr. Chas. Wright

Form 113.

Burlington and Missouri River
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Omaha Station, Dec 8th 1876,

Dear Alice, will you believe it that it is only 4.30 P.M and I am in the office, and also that mothufellow and myself slew a buck today?
Tuesday night last we had about 3 in of snow & I then gave up hopes of getting any deer on Thanksgiving as Wednesday I knew all the Deerhunters in town would be out and track them up. But I made up my mind to go out Thursday, so Mr Taylor the Asst Treas, (my boss) and Eusti & I started at 6.30 AM on horseback; Mr T. had not ridden for 7 or 8 years and you would have died to have heard his frantic yells of "Whoa" at the horse & to have seen him slipping from one side to the other and finally when he got the horse stopped up along side of a fence he had both arms around the horses neck and both feet out of his stirrups - and all this going on with the thermometer at about 0° It was awfully cold as you will know if you have ever been in the saddle in cold weather. I really thought my feet were frozen several times - I had to change horses with T as the one I had was very quiet and would stand fire from his back - but changed back when we got into the Deer Country very much to Mr T's disgust - We separated and I soon lost sight of both my Companions - I hunted around through awful rough country for about 3 or 4 hrs and at last

found Eustis, who had seen a doe and fired both barrels of my shot gun at her without effect - He was in a place where he could not follow on the horse and soon lost her. Mr Taylor had disappeared ~~at all~~ and so we concluded to come home as it was infernally cold and I expected to freeze my feet every minute -
We heard that 3 deer were shot in the same place the day before so I was right in my supposition that Wednesday was the day to have gone out. We arrived home about 2 P.M. having been in the saddle between 6 & 7 hours. Mr Taylor had arrived at about 11 o'clock. I was pretty well disgusted with "Deer hunting" but yesterday P.M. I got the fever on me again and thought that if I didn't go after them I never would get any so made arrangements to meet a fellow named Taylor at 7 A.M today. We met promptly and drove out to the same country about 6 miles North of here - We left our horse well blanketed and started on foot - We found the trail of a big buck & doe & a fawn of a year old or so as the track indicated from their size - We followed for several miles and had sat down in an open prairie by a pile of prairie grass to eat our lunch & rest a few minutes when I saw a doe (apparently) coming down the divide directly in front of us - We lay still and the Deer advanced towards us & then turned off to our left about 200 yds away - Taylor had a Winchester and he pumped out 5 shots at her when on the jump, and I managed to

get in 3 shots; but she was going to fast and was too far off. We started after on the run and soon had her out of some brush where she had been skulking. Taylor fired a shot and apparently hit her and she came over my way in some low brush. I could make her out running & she came to a halt suddenly, dropping on my knee at about 80 yds I sent a ball through her neck and laid her out dead, for when I reached her she was as dead as a haddock. We found it to be a young buck with horns about an inch long and would weigh about 100 pounds.

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I felt pretty well I can tell you, as we got him very easily and with considerable despatch. Taylor's shot would have scared the deer, but then I finished him, & of course we neither of us knew when I fired that he was so badly disabled. I then went over to where the horse was and drove to the deer, loaded him in & started for home which we reached about 3 P.M. It was all we could carry in the buggy, which was an open box pattern.

I believe I am now satisfied and say I shall go out again this winter, but I never know when to let up on shooting. I saw lots of Quail & Chickens but had no shot gun. The weather today was perfect still, as could be and sunny. Thanksgiving day it was snowing half the time & blowing a gale.

Please give my regards to your Father.

Please show this to R.D. as I am driven for time & cant write many long letters. Write often and let me know the news in Cambridge.

Your off friend. C.M. Carter

Carter C. M.
Dec. 3 - 1876

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Omaha, Neb. Dec 13th 1876.

Dear Will: Our Asst Supt Mr Holdrege is thinking of purchasing a new gun, and as he likes the looks of mine first rate, I told him I would take the liberty of asking you as a favor to do a little looking round for a gun, knowing that you rather liked the fun of buying a gun — He wants a gun about the same style as mine (I notice there are a good many "guns" sprinkled in here, but he don't want quite so many) only a little heavier say, 12 Guage, 30 or 32 in barrel, and to weigh about 8, 8½ or 9 lbs; now this looks pretty heavy to me for a 12 Guage, but I believe he has a sensible idea of it.
He wants a Lowe's gun, & is not particular whether it is new or not — if he could get one real cheap so much the better. Will you keep your eye on Lowe's store & see what he has. I enclose a copy of the exact shape he wants the stock, drop &c — you see he wants considerable drop —
I don't know whether Lowe is making

any guns now, will you please
find out & let me know Yours C. H.
would have one made Charles H.
be sure of getting it in time for Spring 1876
Duck Shooting, and it does not
cost too high — but as I said before
would buy one 2d hand if he
could find the right thing —
Now if it is not too much trouble,
Will you please find out (if he is
making) what he charges for such
a gun — & how soon it can be done
Perhaps Fonbs would make a discount
if you let him know that it is for me
and that I am talking up his guns very
strong out here — Holdrege is really
in favor of English guns, but I may be
but I have talked him into this —
I thought it would be a good idea to send
a copy of the gun he is using, so as to guide
you somewhat in looking for a 2d hd one.
It could be used also if Holdrege concludes
to order a new one — I suppose in case he
orders one, you would not mind looking
after it, & in fact ordering it for him & seeing
that it was done right — Please answer as
promptly as possible, but dont put yourself
out for it — Have just returned from the
West end of the road, been paying off &
very tired, so must close —
If you will do me the favor asked above
You will put me under great obligations

Omaha Dec 26. 1876.

Dear Will Yours of Dec 19 came this morning - I will freely forgive you not writing for every one of my letters and sprinkled them in pretty thick about that time. Very much obliged for your information about guns. I should think that Schaeffer gun would suit first rate if not too costly. What does he ask for it? Do you remember if you should stick on a gun that would do please write as minute a description as possible - about, gauge, weight, length of barrel, kind of metal, action, whether pistol grip or not, &c &c. as then we can form an excellent idea of the gun. The Indian gun you mention I seem to remember hearing of; did not it have nickel trimmings or something extraordinary of that kind?

Went out yesterday with Mr Coldwell & we only got about a dozen quail; had bad luck in finding &c. I wish I had my old dog out here. I believe I could make him as good as ever - is not he a wonder? I have got to look up a dog before next Autumn and I shall probably shoot every Sunday then.

Carter 6. 46.
Dec. 26 1876

My knee is still weak but I can walk 10 or 15 miles and not feel it much. I use it just as though it were all right. Would have given a good deal to have been with

you down at the Captain's. You do not say who went with you. I suppose the same old party. I am delighted to hear of Capt B's success, and hope it will continue. Our shooting season is about over, as the law expires on Jan 1st on all kinds of game. I am going out next Sunday with Holbrook for the last grand hunt of the year 1871.

How does your horse do nowadays? I haven't heard of him since I left. Don't you want to buy my mare?

If you know of any one who wants a good mare, please let me know as she is for sale cheap. She can be got up to Boston inside of a week for 6.00 freight if the boats are running.

I shall sell her as soon as I learn as she is only eating her head off down there. I am very busy in the office and work nearly every evening. Continue to like the place well & am in excellent health. Have you heard of Fred O. Taylor's engagement? Just out, to C. Felton. Thought the next one in camp to be engaged? I hope & rather expect the girl may not be further off than the Common. Happy New Year to you and your folks. Affectionately C. McCarter

Omaha Oct 9 1876

Dear Will: Your very explicit letter came to hand this morning, & Mr Holbrook was in the office at the time; I showed it to him — I believe he is changing his mind on the question of action and would not mind having the "Top Snap". He says the little Forks gun would not answer, but seems to think favorably of the Forks gun at $150.

He says he is pretty sure of going East in about two weeks, and will probably call on you and Forks both, so think if he decides on getting a gun he can order it personally of Forks, and get you to keep an eye on its manufacture.

He will decide very soon about going and if he does not will probably get you to order one for him, unless you should run across a good second hand Uncle. I can imagine old Schaffer when you used bantering him. I suppose he is as much of a rogue as ever.

Thanking you very much for the trouble you have been at, I remain your many a hearty Regards

Your friend C. E. Cook

Cabinet [illegible]

No. [illegible] 76

Burlington and Missouri River
Rail Road in Nebraska.

G. TAYLOR,
Ass't Treasurer.

Omaha, Neb. Feb. 27 1877.

Dear Will, I just rec'd a letter from Pat in which he says that you are not feeling over well of late & the idea struck me that it would be a grand scheme for you to "brace up" and come out here & make me a visit. I can give you the use of ½ my room which is large, & the best of board. I do not mean to offer you board free of course as I am you know too hard up; It will cost only about 30. or 35. to come & fare. You can live with us for $1.00 a day and probably hire a horse & buggy cheap. The duck shooting is just commencing, and you can kill all the geese & Mallard ducks you want, without going any distance hardly. The climate I know would do you good as it is perfect. We have had two months of the most delightful weather you can imagine. I have gained 10 lbs in flesh since I came & never was better in my life. We have a jolly crowd here & you would have a gay old time. You could go out on our road whenever you choose, which runs 110 miles West. I should be very happy indeed to see you coming

out here — just as well come out here — as any where else. When can you live & have a chance for more than more than anywhere else. If you should think of it let me know & I will give you some money to buy a ticket with. Yours Ever C. Taylor

Carter C. M.
Feb. 27-1877

Omaha Mch 4. 1877.

Dear Will; Your picture of Lance came yesterday; what a beauty he looks like. You had good luck in getting him into a good position, did you not? Had no idea you had so handsome a dog & do not wonder that you rave about him: of course from the picture one cannot tell exactly how he looks. I am very busy and so cant write much. But wanted to say that if you had seriously considered coming out here for a visit to please not make any arrangements for it, until you hear from me, as I am expecting quite a change in my affairs of which you will learn before long & of which I am not at liberty to speak. I shall probably leave Omaha and will let you know when I do. Please keep this "Mum" for the present.

Your off friend

C. Carter

REVERE HOUSE.

W. R. MOULTON, AND J. C. CORNUE, } Proprietors.

Clinton, Iowa, March 13 1877

Dear Will, I recd your letter some days ago informing me of your departure for Florida, & also enclosing a photo of yourself which I was very glad indeed to get. I think you were wise to go to Flo. Well, you must be surprised to see where I am hailing from; fortunately I am not located here for good, being on my way to Dubuque Iowa; I missed connection this morning and had to lay over here from 9.30 till 4.35 PM when I shall start for Dubuque. I have been appointed Actg Treas. of the Chicago Dubuque & Minn RR & Chic. Clinton & Dub. RRs headquarters at Dubuque. I have left Omaha for good & probably shall not go back again even unless something very unexpected turns up. What a life R Roading is, isn't it? I am very much benefitted by the change, by getting a higher position and twice the salary. I suppose you are having a jolly time down South. There is quite good sleighing here at present. Please write to Care C D & M R R Dubuque Iowa. Your aff. friend C. M. Carter

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Dubuque Aug 12 1877

Dear Olive,

Yours of July 29th came a few days ago. You seem to be situated in about as pleasant a condition as man could desire. I know of no pleasanter occupation than rowing on the Concord River and driving around the country, especially when one has such company as you probably do, most of the time. R.D. writes me that he made you a visit one Sunday recently. I am sorry Miss K. has no picture of herself, but shall wait patiently the receipt of one when she has some taken. When I get a girl I will send you a picture of her if she

should happen to be a stranger to you, which by the way will be a long way off I expect.

You seem to be well supplied with canine companions at present. I told you I believe of my misfortune with my dog which died recently of distemper. he was a beautiful pup & would have made a really remarkable dog. I taught him the second time out to fetch dead birds, & he would do it every time, they were wild pigeons, pretty big birds you know. He was sick a month & could not save him. It has rather discouraged me on the dog question. I shant attempt pups again but will purchase a grown

up dog all trained –
I expect to be out after
Chicken soon. The best place
near here is up to Tomah
Wis. where Chicken are
very abundant. The law
comes off Aug 15th I can
only be gone a day or two
as I am quite busy –
The fishing in the rivers
is getting good now, & I expect
to try my hand at it.
We are expecting a heavy business
on our line this Autumn as the
crops are in fine condition
& considered to be entirely out of
danger. I hope your Father
is enjoying himself in England
I imagine he would have a good
time, as he generally does wherever
he goes. My best regards to Miss K.
& best wishes for yourself I am your
Aff friend C M Carter

Carter C. A.
Aug. 12-1861

Dubuque Oct 2 1897.

My Dear Will

I owe you a letter but nevertheless I will go ahead as I want to ask a favor of you: I have been gradually making up my mind since I came West that my gun is too light; it is so light that it is absolutely unsaleable here - no one uses so light a gun - they all have the advantage of me here by being able to cram in a big charge of powder - I load my gun heavily it kicks so that I can't hunt more than ½ a day without getting a most abominable headache - I want to ask you if you know of any one to whom we could sell

my gun; I would sell it for $100. it is as good as ever and can shoot remarkably. If it weighed 1½ lbs more I would not sell it at all –

I have an idea if I can dispose of it that I shall get Tonks (if he is making) to make me one about 8½ lbs 12 Guage 30 in barrel –

I have been trying the Glues ball shooting and did quite well, better than I expected to. I broke 4 out of 5, 3 out of 5 re and out of 8 of our best gunners here I made 2d best score.

Am very busy so must close; hope you and yours are well, your aff friend

C M Carter

Carter C. M.
Oct. 2-1877

Dubuque Oct 31. 1877.

My Dear Nice: I have your of Oct 7 and regret very much to hear of your misfortune to your hip again - it seems as tho you were fated to have it occur just at the shooting season comes around - I sincerely hope it will not prevent your shooting part of the season, which by the way is drawing fast to a close in this region - With regard to guns, I have somewhat changed my mind; I started off on a duck hunt two weeks ago & took my little gun being all I have in the way of shot guns. My companion had a heavy 10 gauge breech loader & is said to be one of the best shots on the river - the result of our bag gave me considerable

more game than he had - and I was fully satisfied that the little gun would kill nearly if not quite as far as the larger one - there is one noticeable fact about the gun, wherever I use it people invariably speak of its hard-hitting qualities - as you may perhaps remember at some of our old pigeon shoots. We have been having a number of glass ball shoots here lately - and at the two last I beat the crowd - The last shoot was the best I ever did, broke 21 out of 28 balls. They are quite difficult to hit & we shot at them at 18 yds while Boqueduc only shoots at them at 13 yds. I dont find them very difficult & think I can break more than I can kill birds - I think I have improved very

Please remember to send me a fine of mine

much in my shooting since I came West; as I have done more than I ever did before. I did not find the Mallard Teal very hard to bring down. We bagged 53 in 4 days shooting. The birds were not plenty & we had to walk hard to get there: we camped out on an island about 100 miles North of here —

A number of us here are going to organize a shooting club. Our Supt is very fond of it & is going to join. He shot at the balls with us the other day but did not do much as he has a new gun which he is not used to. I shall keep the little gun, it suits me well. Hope you will recover soon. My best regards to your father —

Yours aff friend C. M. Carter

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Oct. 31. 1911

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Chicago, Clinton & Dubuque R. R.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S OFFICE.

C. M. CARTER,
Asst. Treas.

Dubuque, Iowa, Dec 20th 1872

Dear Will, I have heard with many regrets on my part of your engagement with Miss Kettell having been broken. I am not much of a hand at expressing sympathy but I can assure you that I am sorry it was necessary, but let us hope it was for the best; very few of us poor mortals get through life without having a good share of troubles of that kind. I sincerely hope you will not be disheartened. I have given up expecting a letter from you so thought I wd try & fetch one by sending one. How does your eq get on? Let me know all your troubles &c, I have heard you were contemplating a journey somewhere, but nothing definite; now, why cant you come out: have

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and make me a visit; I can accommodate you first rate as far as a room is concerned, & the best board in town is only 5.00 per week. If you could come I can give you lots of shooting though not much on game; we can find pheasants, and deer. can give you a chance to shoot turkeys (tame ones) with the rifle; pigeons from the trap, glass balls every day if you want. &c&c —

We are shooting a great deal, I have shot 3 afternoons every week lately. About 3 weeks ago they had a Turkey shoot at 350 yards, with a rest; I took my Sharps & killed 3 of them another fellow got 2, all the cows killed. Last Monday

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I went out again & killed 2 turkeys at 400 yards with a rest; there was only 3 or 4 more killed that day — I have just come in from our regular Club shoot at glass balls; beat the crowd breaking 29 out of 30 at 18 yds rise — We have a very nice club of 25 men, which myself & two others organized & have got it running first rate.

I wish you could come out here very much; I think I can show you a deer in a very short time if you do & a good chance to kill one or more. Please write soon & let me know what you are doing & what you think of coming out here —

Your aff friend C. M. Carter

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ASSISTANT TREASURER'S OFFICE.

C. M. CARTER,
Asst. Treas.

Dubuque, Iowa, July 7th 1878.

Dear Will Yours 4th came this morning. I am surprised and very much pleased at your good fortune; there is no use in giving up in a hurry in a case of this kind; I am glad you stuck to it & won at last.

I would give anything if I could be in Boston on your wedding day, but it is of course impossible.

I wish you every happiness in the world & hope you will never have cause to regret your action. My regards & best wishes to the future Mrs B. I am awfully busy so can't write any more. Let me hear from you from the South. Believe me your

Aff. friend C. M. Carter

Calle C. M.
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ASSISTANT TREASURER'S OFFICE.

C. M. CARTER,
Asst. Treas.

Dubuque, Iowa, July 25th 1878

My dear Will: I have just heard that you are in Cambridge, & so take the opportunity to write you a few lines & inform you of an interesting (at least to me) event. I presume likely you may have heard of it from others, but I thought you would be more likely to believe it if I told you of it myself; it is not necessary to state then, that I am engaged to be married — does it not strike you as very strange? it does me, as I can't see how any one so nice as she is could have accepted one like me — However, women have strange fancies, sometimes & you can't tell what sort of men are most likely to win them —

I feel more happy

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than I ever have in my life, never before having had any particular object in life, but now I have an excellent one.

I hope some time to go to Cambridge when you will have an opportunity to see the young lady. I have still paid a letter from R. D. Cane, who had heard of it. Please write & tell me what you have been doing since you were married, I haven't heard from you for a long time. Please remember me to your father & your wife.

Am very busy so can't write more now.

Your aff. friend C. M. Carter

C. M. Carter

July 25 1878

Carter - C. Mo.

Linden Heights,
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Dec. 14. 1895. Dec 14th 1895

Dear Will - I have just recently returned from a trip to Indian Territory & Texas and found your letter of November 30th here - I can assure you that I am delighted to hear of your recovering as I was under the impression that you were pretty sick; I didnt know the cause or that you had suffered so long - I assumed that it was something recent - With care you will undoubtedly get entirely over it - Your descriptions of life at Concord bring back to my mind the many happy times I have had in that vicinity - I cannot quite locate Ball's Hill, whether it is above or below the town on the river - I remember the name, but the location has escaped me, although it seems to me that it was below the town and on the North side of the River.

I have been off on two hunting trips this season – one into Iowa after Quail where we had very good shooting and one down in the South West – The latter was a failure as to shooting – We went more after Deer, Turkeys etc, but got bitten flat of any kind – I have two very good dogs, a black pointer slut and a red irish setter dog – The latter I have broken myself, having hunted him last season and this – he is 2½ yrs old and bids fair to be one of the best I have had – I happened to be looking over an old Diary of mine today & read an account of a Thanksgiving Day hunt at Waverly you & Ruth Deane & I where we got 8 Quail – old "Dart" was your dog at that time – We had such a tremendous lunch, a whole turkey, bottles of Cider mince pies etc that we couldnt walk after disposing of it.

Your descriptions of the Mushrats at Concord are very interesting - I had no idea they could ever allow a person to handle them - Your sixty acres must be a delightful place -

We have three children Marjorie Gray 9 yrs - Dorothy Morland 6 yrs and Barbara 5 yrs - three of the best little girls you can possibly imagine - they are a constant source of delight and pleasure to us - I hope you will see them before long, and this brings me to the most interesting part of your letter, which relates to your being able to come West and visit us next Autumn - There could be nothing more agreeable to me and my wife than a visit from you, and I shall count upon it and arrange my hunting plans for next season accordingly - We can have the best kind

of Quail shooting, and as I always make it a point to hunt Quail for at least two weeks and sometimes longer each season I shall make sure of having you with us if you can possibly do it - We have plenty of room, & you could bring your dog if you choose as we live in the country near St Joseph and can take care of you and your dog in good shape - We can make trips around in Kansas, Nebraska Iowa & Missouri all being near at hand and the shooting generally good - Mrs Carter tells me that she particularly would like to have you come as she feels as though you were one of her old friends, as much so as one of mine - I shall call your attention to this visit about next Sept & remind you of it - I shall be glad in the meantime to hear from you as you have time to write - My wife sends her regards & hopes you will surely come and see us - Your affectionate friend

C M Carter

Mr Wm Brewster Cambridge -

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Apl 16. 94

Dear Will.

I have been making some inquiries about Quail Shooting in Texas. I have done most of my shooting in Kansas (Western part) where it is good, but lately a friend of mine here who is one of the owners of a Ranch in Texas has been down there and made careful inquiries as to shooting: he says he will go down with us next November and we can stay at the Ranch head quarters where they have an excellent house, 10 rooms, each can have a bed, plenty of horses, wagon etc. We can get lots of Quail, some Turkeys, deer, wolves, Wild cats etc. He says Quail are very abundant. no one there shoots them hardly having no dogs etc. We can chase wolves &c the Ranch people having a fine pack of greyhounds. I think this is the place to go. It is far enough south so that the cold is not bad, and we will be among friends who will take good care of us. I haven't any doubt but what we will get as good Quail shooting as we could anywhere. besides the trip would be interesting and pleasant. I suppose if you decide to come you will bring your dog. it

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would be well to do so — as good dogs are hard to get and you might to have your own dog — I can give you a pass from Chicago to St Joseph, and can get you passes down to Texas and return —

I will write you fully just when to come, say sometime in November and just what you will need to bring — I hope you will surely do it as I have no doubt you would enjoy the journey and have good shooting — I have just heard that you have in Trinidad and I suppose this will go on a long journey — Let one hear from you when you return

Your sincere friend

C M Carter

Wm Brewster
Cambridge Mass

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April 16-1894.

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April 30th 94

Dear Will.

I have your letter, and am much pleased to note that you will in all probability be able to come West in November - The place I have in mind is about 30 or 40 miles S.W. from Bowie a station on the Ft Worth & Denver RR in Texas - If you look at a map of Tex. you will see Jacksboro, which I think is in Jack County - It is near this place and also near a place called Graham - As to dogs, I think you will have no trouble in getting one. I have one which I own, and also a slut pointer - but she cant be depended upon as she might be in heat. If you cannot get a dog, I will arrange to borrow one here - If you finally conclude that you can come we should be pleased to have you bring your wife - She could stay at St Joseph with Mr Carter while we are in Texas.

At the proper time I will write you and let you know any particulars which may be useful - With kindest regards I am

Your aff. friend
C M Carter

Wm Brewster Cambridge

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April 30-1894.

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Sept 20th 1894.

Dear Will—

Your letter of Aug 26th from Bethel Hill was duly received. I am very sorry to learn of the return of your trouble and hope that it will not interfere with your coming West. We shall go ahead with our plans for the trip to Kansas & it will make no difference as to that, if you should be unable to come: we will leave the place open for you until the last thing. I shall be much disappointed if you cannot come, but of course I recognize that one could not enjoy the visit if you are suffering as I presume you do, severely when this on you. I have found that it will be impossible for me to go to my sister's wedding which occurs Oct 4 and I regret that very much not only on account of not seeing my immediate family, but I shall miss seeing you and your wife — unless you and she conclude to come West. Why cant you bring Mrs B. if you do come? We can take care of you both very comfortably and it would be an interesting trip for both of you.

We will probably start on our western trip about Nov. 1. & I will write you again just when we will go. You will need, if you come, heavy clothing as it gets very cold at times in that high altitude — & also lots of shells although they can be had here if necessary. Let me know as soon as you return how you are feeling & try to come by all means.

Your aff. friend [illegible]

Contra — Co. Ohio.
Sept. 20. 18[illegible]

C. M. CARTER,
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

April 17th 1878

Dear Will: I have, within the last few days been so overloaded with work which accumulated during my absence, that I have been unable to reply to your kind letter which I found here on my return. Your letter left Concord on Apl 11th the very day on which I arrived at Boston. On the 13th I spent most of the day in Cambridge, lunching at Mrs Lamb's at the old Nichols house. After leaving there I called at your house and learned, to my great regret, that you were at Concord.

I had a most pleasant visit in Boston and saw some of my old friends. I did hope to see you and have a chat over old times.

Leaving Boston I went to New York where John Nichols met me at the Station. I spent about a day and a half there and saw Dan Pierce

who seems to have retained his youth and simplicity of manner to a great degree notwithstanding his renown as a great artist - for he certainly is one of the really great and good ones in every way. John Nichols, is the same old fellow - always true and square in all his ways and seems very happy and contented with a most excellent wife and a nice family of intelligent children growing up around him.

Please always remember that if you ever feel able to make the long journey to the West that it would give us great pleasure to have you visit us - our house is always open for you, and it would be a great pleasure to see you.

Please give my kindest respects to Mrs Brewster and believe me always your affectionate friend

C. M. Cole

Mr Wm. Brewster
Gloucester Mass.

Carter, C. M.
Apr. 27. 98.

Springfield Mo.
August 13. 06

Dear William

I never think of you except as "Will" and now I am reminded of you and the dear old Cambridge days by the receipt of your work on "The birds of the Cambridge Region" which just came by Express and for which I thank you very much indeed. I shall read every word fit with

infinite pleasure. I shall never forget the good times we used to have when your good mother drove us in the "rockaway" behind the old roan up to the pine woods and other favorite ofs to spend. I can remember killing a partridge while flying across the snow-covered ice on Pout Pond in the pine swamp. I shall take especial delight in reading

this week of yours which must have given you much pleasure in its preparation.

Our eldest daughter Marjorie has just arrived at Boston (Aug 11.) on the "Romanic" and I presume is now at Mrs Lucy Wilbur's in Concord or at Mrs Lamb's 159 Pratt St. Perhaps you could see her.

Again thanking you for the book, I am, as always,

Your old friend

C M Lamb

Mrs Wm Beaston

702 N 6th St
St Joseph Mo.
Sept 19th 06

Dear Will.

Your letter of Aug 16th came duly, and since its receipt I have read your book thro' skipping of course some of the scientific parts - I discovered several references to my child as a hunter; you know I never claimed to be an ornithologist - but do claim to be an enthusiastic bird lover.

In looking over those old things lately I found a little

of yourself, Dan French and myself which I think was taken about 1870 or '71 at Rye Beach. I have two copies and thinking that you might not have one I send one to you and to French and by mail.

I have not enjoyed anything more thoroughly of late than reading your reflections on the Isles of Shoals region and its vicinity. I have dwelt pleasantly upon 1866 & 1873 in which I spent

in some detail the glorious days
spent with you and Ruthven
chasing the quail and partridges
snipe &c: I find in one of my
books a list of all birds killed
by me giving date, locality, number
&c in 1870 – 1871 – 2 –
If that would be of any use to
you I would be glad to extract
those pages containing the lists
and send it to you –

All agree did not visit in
Cambridge, but spent about a
week at the Beaches in Jamaica
Plain – Thanking you again for
your remembrance of me as
always most affectionately yours
C. H. Merriam

Yoseble Mo.
Nov 11. 06

Dear Will:

Your letter of the 4th I find here on my return from a trip to Western Kansas where I have just spent ten days hunting Quail: the latter we found abundant & it was not difficult to kill the limit allowed by law of 20 birds a day.

I am glad indeed that you value the tin tube & am quite pleased to know that it was welcome.

As to the bird skins by me I have concluded to send you the book itself not only on account of the undesirability of leaving it to spare, but because I find it contains numerous references to you and the days we spent together afield: if you will look it over

Remember me to Mrs Mellen when you write to her

You will find a graphic description of a wild pigeon shoot which will be amusing, if not instructive. On page 167 you will find an account of attempts at duck shooting on Fresh Pond. Page 176 further references to gun and rail shooting. Pages 196-201 list of birds & animals shot by the writer. Page 207 refers to Little B. Page 220 mysterious sounds from a swamp! I'm intending at liberty to read the whole book if you want to, but most of it is rather dry and uninteresting. Note your reference to the famous shot from the pine tree on the banks of the Charles and I can recall every detail of it: if you will look at page 200

You will find the feat duly recorded under date of July 22 1874. Further down on the same page you will find our well remembered Rifle shot on the Cossaid meadows. I killed 14 the same day — Keep the book as long as you please & return it by Express addressed 702 N 6th St Philadelphia.

I enclose in the book one of my photographs taken several years ago. I am a little gray now.

I have a number of good old photographs taken 7 years ago & should be glad if you need one if you happen to have — Yours

Truly — Dear Sis Mother

Charly I often see in Chancery.
Marjorie was much pleased to
hear of your intended visit to her by
calling at Lady Whitley's. She was not
in London at all, as I turned only
just round to the Flowers in Jermyn
Street. I am sorry she missed seeing
you. John Nicholls has been awfully
kind to Marjorie, having had at his
house all of winter before Christmas
& so was a great deal my wife enjoyed
reading your nice letter as much as
I did & asks me to send her cordial
regards to you and your wife
Keep the bottle as long as you
please.

Yours ever
affy. friend
[illegible]

St Joseph Mo.
Dec 19th 1906

Dear Mike, Yours received bills of the 18th from Forbes of 20th. I have telegraphed to the foreman of the mill to send with the flitch-bills taken for the couple of the frame to-morrow. With the flitch-bills we have received the bill of lading. I shall be able to send the other bills as soon as I get them.

I am glad you made these notes in the journal. The reference is to a slight shortening. Dalton

Leads me to think that I may have been mistaken as to the date of my leaving off another dell point in 1877. I feel that I skipped from January first of the remainder of the year. As that of your record is from a journal showing exactly date you are probably correct.

As to the gale at Point I feel sure the journal of that year 1867 & the date of the last float. Yours in haste

Ernest. I believe make a notice

in transcribing from the printed to the MS. If it is the printed that you adopt please let four lines of the preface as that I believe that in your hand there are more changes than I did you see at all both have gifts tempted better rather than I should lend the hand [illegible] of Sketch. I shall send it post the [illegible]

Wishing you all power in Merry Christmas I am ever dear Good friend [illegible]

Charles Dickens

702 W 6th St. St Joseph Mo
March 12. 1907.

Dear Will: The receipt today of the Twentieth Free Academy Catalog with a very good picture of your father reminds me of your letter which came about a month ago — thanks for the Catalog, tho. I have been much interested in reading. I have delayed writing to you in order to your first letter which refused to, because I wanted to think of some of my old dances to give you in return of some dance steps by me as I promised —

Some of the boys as shown on the dick book too boys in those days: formerly, the game of all kinds was much more abundant we didn't expect everything as made as we should have as to the roof developed — I was never in the habit

of killing birds indiscriminately, but usually stopped when I thought I had enough; for instance I recall one day at the McDonald ranch previous to 1895 the latter being the earliest date I have a record of I drove in 1892. I think it was, started out at 9 am & bagged 30 quail of the pink roms: then came in & rested till 2 o'clock, going out again & bagging one hour & bagging to one — I call bagging 20 or 30 min. but when I got to to birds I thought it was time to quit — I had birds which may be of some interest. There was an interval 1885 to 1895 when I did see to keep my record, or if I did I can't find it! In these years I only saw dates & wipe them

side - altho. I have always hunted
quail quite regularly - In 1903 the
the quail shooting was fine - these
days as a rule when each bags
bobs made I was probably breaking a
young dog or resting - I don't know
that these records will be of much
interest to you, but as a matter of
history relating to the game birds
of America, they may be useful.
I note what you say about an old
friend Merritt & with that I will
have seen him - I remember him
well -

Dorothy we heard has quite recovered
and I am glad to say that she is
very happy in my dear home: she is
a cheerful soul & a good girl
in every way - It pleases me
much to think he sent my or
friends only letters on all they
thought to see - By the way I am

expecting to visit Newport again
early in April & I hope my affairs
will permit me to make another
short visit to Cambridge. When I hope
to have the pleasure of seeing you
again, tho I hope I see more of
Mrs Prescott this time if she happens
to be at home: some one or other told
me, I think at your house, I
was too much occupied in telling
little Y— that I didn't have a
chance to talk to her at all: the
next visit he will become the
rule! I hear a letter from Nathan
Dane today — he is the same
old sixty-year! My wife is in
Chicago, Marjorie in California
Dorothy in Carlisle — & that our
young Barbara & I are keeping
the castle — My best regards to your
wife — You did find

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702 North 6th Street. St Joseph Mo
Jany 13. '12

Dear Will

Thank you for your good letter of the 27th ult which came awhile ago. It seems almost like a romance when I look backward nearly forty years and think of old days in Louisville when John White was one of my friends that it should come about that his youngest child should marry my eldest — but so it is and Mayonie now lives in the place of all places where I would have her settled, for of all homes I know of there are none where I had rather live. I hope some day to be able to end my days there — Mayonie finds many

agreeable friends there, among them some of our old ones and no doubt you have them all — I long for the day when I can settle there: I have never become so entirely "Westernized" as to give up all hope of returning some day to my native land.

Your description of the visit to England and especially to Sherwood Forest was very interesting. There you did run afoul of "Robin Hood" a "Friar Tuck" both of whom if I remember correctly inhabited the famous forest.

I wish we had some of those cads of wood which you are so ruthlessly cutting down

as we are having almost a wood & coal famine here, the result of about ten days of zero weather: yesterday morning, 24° below zero — the mercury has been hovering around the zero mark for nearly two weeks — I mean you asin gathy, it was by the repe! I said that 4° below was the mark set at Boston yesterday, — I hope you will sometime find time to drop in at 10 Sudbury Road and see our Marie who you know is now Mrs Geo Nichols White. She would be mighty glad to see you.

Dorothy our second daughter is staying at Allie's Vaughan on Peabody Street where

We will remain till April - She is taking good lessons from our old friend Miss Carrie Hayes.

I heard often from John Nichols the last letter telling of his daughter Elizabeth's illness from an attack of appendicitis requiring an operation which was successful.

I haven't seen Ruth since November - last January, but got letters from him now and then.

I am afraid our Quail are going to suffer this cold winter as there is a heavy coat of snow over all this region. I hope to see you the coming Summer as I think we shall spend Summer in Mass. Maybe being the attraction which will take us there. Kind regards to Mrs B. & Miss Simmons. Trust you feel

Cordially yours

St Joseph Mo January 22 '15

Dear Nick I am greatly shocked to hear of Jim Melvin's death: I had not the least idea that he was failing: he deserved a lot of credit for making a man of himself: his career was a really remarkable one. It gives me much to think I shall see him no more at Concord where I enjoyed having him in sight every few days altho. I did not see as much of him as I should have liked - in fact I was too tired nearly every evening to walk down to the village, so saw but little of him last year, but was hoping to have more easy times the coming summer. I have written to Mrs Melvin. One by one and two by two our old friends are going! Do the best we can in all things and don't worry - it all we can do. Thank you for telling me so promptly - Affectionately yours as ever

Cal Coolidge

Special illustration of the eye.

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Sheffield Nov 1. 1905.

Dear Miss Yonge, Your letter of 28th ult, has just been read, followed by one from Nathaniel with the clipping from the Baltimore paper about old Sokapoo. The latter interests me very much and I recognize his kindly old German face as if it were but yesterday that I had seen him at his bench in the little upstairs shop in Dock Square. I return the whole "RP" Don't you still like to have it. Pass into the old gentleman and congratulate him: he is I think, of a different kind of German as I understand and I suppose is not in sympathy with the "footprints".

Who gave them the "footprints": I shall be quite obliged if you will let me know what I'd look into the matter of it. I shall read for a moment believe that these impressions are other than those of a clown-horsed animal. It is simply out of the question that these distinct prints could have been in the nature of scratch-scribing - and so like I know absolutely nothing of the science of Palaeontology, I cannot see why even if this thing is of an igneous nature it still could not have been stuffed upon by

capable of in a soft and coding state
pick up a fossil could be made in any
matter that had been in a healthy state
and broken, state, so that it could be
infiltrated to touch it, later, as it begins
to cool but harden a fossil of an animal
might be made in it and leave the mark
when hardened — plain as day — Of course
I am totally ignorant of anything finally
being the earth formation and perhaps
if that stone is of an igneous character
there must be some other explanation of
the fossils being there. I could be willing to
make anything of some a bony mass that
the, are the infants of an animal the
size from those of the a whole body. I am
rather believing otherwise and I am glad of
again with that view. If you should get
a good photo-graph of the showing the fossils
could you send me a copy?

Heat unpleasant, I know of you down
at the Bahama & had of the Dears. I have
been there. We are lonely here without
the girls. Mrs Carter joins me in
affectionate regards to you & your wife
& to Mr & Mrs Jones, & the boys.

Your affectionate friend C Allen Carter

Stoughton Mass Dec 2d 85

Dear Sir I enclose a copy of letter just sent to Mr R. Schaefer for your files, - He was a fine old fellow and seemed to live to a good old age. I wish I were half as good as the old fellow,

It is lonely, quiet and dreary & I wish I had a good dog that I might get out after the game again - there are still lots of them left in the most of the south, but having no dog I don't feel much interest in going after them -

Affly, your old friend Charles

Sagaple Dec 16. 1915.

Dear Will, I have yours with photographs of the "foot-prints" which I still persist in calling them. I would like a good clear print, but don't care to have one mounted. I think perhaps the photograph might be arranged so as to show the better cloven hoof that is the one wh. appears to make more distinct — a little clearer than it does on this print: perhaps another print could do that better.

As I have already said, if the thing has no value about $25. for example, I want you to keep it — keep it anyway and if it now shall be found of any real value we can settle it then — Would it be possible to make a plaster cast of it?

I don't care what 40 naturalists or palaeontologists or anyone else says I never can be convinced that that

marks are other than the actual prints of a cloven-hoofed animal. Whether the stone is genuine or not, and I feel sure that you feel the same as about it — but I don't care what is thought about it; I want you to keep it anyway.

Do these people say these marks are visions of nature and pure accidents? I can't conceive of anyone thinking so.

Barbara has, I suppose, Jeffy Lambiase thought to be in Chicago today if the storm didn't delay him.

A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Yours affectionately,

Charles

Received a nice letter from W R Schafer & Coffman in Ky over Centenary
thanking me for one of mine.

St Joseph Mo May 18. 1918

Dear Will: Your good letter of the 14th came yesterday and I am glad to hear that you are able to be about. I had a lot of feeling that you would well: what a siege you did have in some respects more trying than what befell me, but perhaps not as dangerous: as a matter of fact the attack which I had on March 23d nearly finished me, and I feel that another one of a similar character might be the last of me. But, strange to say I am gaining in strength day by day but am still unable to walk very much but can ride in the machine for hours at a time with

suffering any inconvenience - this afternoon I spent nearly two hours watching a base ball game Omaha vs St Joe and much enjoyed it without feeling any undue fatigue

We have about made up our minds to sell the home at Hilfothy Corner much to my regret: things have gone badly in many ways with me since the war began in 1914 some of my personal interests in the way of loans and such matters have gone to nothing where before the war I was making money - there they have became embarrassing in a financial way and have changed our affairs so that I cannot do what I had always hoped, that is to live at home - so we shall sell & if

we cannot find a purchaser will rent the place. It is a matter of great disappointment to me as that had for years been my hope. In the meantime my health is failing to such an extent that there is some doubt if I can ever visit Cincinnati again but may be able to if I gain as much as in the past month. I am sorry indeed to hear of all your troubles in the past few months: we have our trials but perhaps not as bad as some of our friends. I should be happy indeed if I could pass in peace the few remaining years of my life at the old place at Milton Corner, but I must fear that that can never be. Maggie is about returning from a week's visit at Orleans and I know she will be glad to see you if you can ever spare the time to drive over there.

Barbara's husband Lieut Bruce has just come home from Camp Funston. where he is in a Machine Gun Battalion. I got a good letter today from R. Deane who has just rtd from a fishing trip in Michigan.

I have a feeling that the Germans are somewhat near the end of their rope, and immediately let alone a year or so I feel that the Lord will intervene and stop them and I hope put them where they cant do any more mischief. It is time they were stopped. Mr Carter & Barbara join me in sending you their love and kindest remembrances

Your affectionate friend

C M Cauler

Wm Brasten McCadell Esq.

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Record of game killed by C. M. Porter
St Joseph, Mo.

Year ending Jany 31	Ducks	Prairie Chicken	Quail	Wilson's Snipe	Woodcock	Canada Grouse	Other Geese		Total
1881-2	142	46	87	142					417
1882-3	120	113	68	81					382
1883-4	95	26	95	85	10	2	1		302

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Chicken 1853 No. 26

Ducks		Chicken Fricassee		Goose		Pound	
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21	12	16	7	[illegible]	11	[illegible]	1
24	23	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	15		
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Game Record Feb 1, 1904 to Feb 1, 1905.

Apples		Snipe		Chicken		Quail		Squirrel	
Feb 26	1	Nov 8	11	Feb 2	2	Feb 16	2	Feb 5	2
Nov 13	1	" 14	6	3	5	" 19	7	" 13	6
" 26	3	" 23	35			" 24	1		
Dec 14	3	Feb 8	8			Nov 11	15		
Feb 3	1	" 16	2			27	4		
" 8	7	Nov 5	3			Dec 13	3		
Nov 5	6					Jan 10	6		

1884

1881
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1895 – Oct 31 – 10 quail
Nov 1. 2 "
" 2. 7 "
" 12 12 "
" 15. 11 "
" 21 – 7 "
" 29 – 4 "
Dec 4 – 4 "
" 7 – 4 "
61 "

1896 Nov 5. 4 quail
" 7 – 4 "
" 9 – 16 "
" 10 – 10 "
" 11 – 25 "
" 12 – 8 "
" 20 – 2 "
" 23 – 18 "
" 24 – 3 "
Dec 5. 9 "
" 11 – 12 "
" 19 – 2 "
" 22 – 7 "
" 23 – 5 "
125 "

1897 Nov 5. 4 quail
" 10 – 25 "
" 11 – 27 "
" 12 – 21 "
" 13 – 6 "
" 15 – 44 "
" 16 – 5 "
" 17 – 21 "
" 18 – 7 " 2 Shaf. T. Grouse
Dec 9 – 4 "
164

1898 – Nov 10 – 14 "
" 11 10 "
" 12 5 "
" 19 – 9 "
38 "

1899
Nov 1. 9 quail
2 – 21 " 3 grouse
3 – 9 "
4 – 10 "
6 – 30 "
7 – 2 "
8 – 15 "
9 – 10 "
10 – 18 "
13 – 5 "
Dec 2 – 4 "
133

1900
Nov 17 – 14 quail
19 – 13 "
20 – 8 " 1 grouse
21 – 17 "
22 – 4 "
23 – 17 "
24 – 6 "
26 – 13 "
27 – 24 "
28 – 33 "
29 – 10 "
159

1901
Dec 4 – 11 quail
" 5 – 5 "
" 6 – 2 "
" 7 – 11 "
" 9 – 8 "
" 10 – 14 "
51 "

1902 No hunting.
not out

1903
Nov 16 – 23 quail used 25 shells
17 – 22 "
18 – 31 "
19 – 39 "
Dec 7 – 12 "
" 8 – 22 "
" 9 – 22 "
" 10 – 30 "
" 11 – 14 "
215

1904
Nov 16 – 27 quail
17 – 19 "
18 – 13 "
19 – 21 " + 1 grouse
21 – 12 "
22 – 13 "
Dec 22 – 3 "
108

1905 –
Nov 14 – 15 quail
15 – 17 " + 1 grouse
16 – 11 "
17 – 15 "
18 – 23 "
20 – 12 "
21 – 14 "
22 – 13 "
23 – 10 "
24 – 14 "
144

1906

Nov 1. 19 quail
3 – 23 "
5 – 24 "
6 – 15 "
7 – 7 "
8 – 25 "
113 "

1907 not out panic

1908

Nov 20 – 8 quail
21 – 6 "
23 – 3 "
17 "

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Recapitulation

1895 – 61 quail
1896 – 125 "
1897 – 164 "
1898 – 38 "
1899 – 133 "
1900 – 159 "
1901 – 51 "
1902 none not out
1903 – 215 "
1904 – 108 "
1905 – 144 "
1906 – 113
1907 none not out
1908 17

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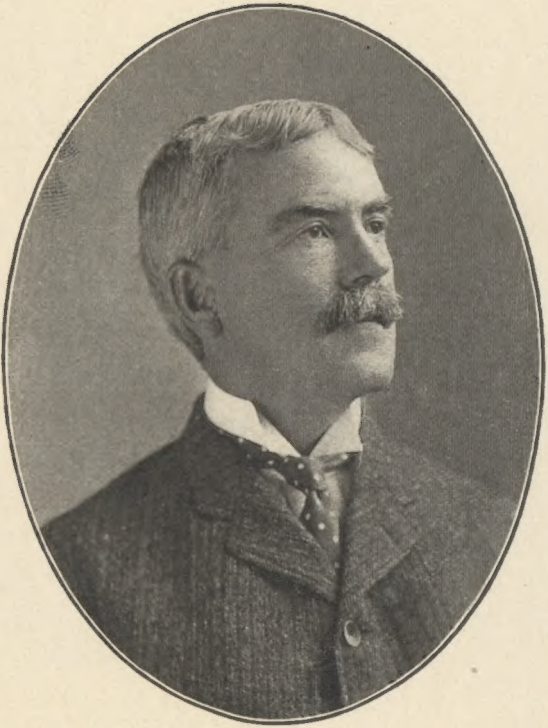

Taken about 5 years ago—

Yours sincerely

Feb 1209